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Date: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Ophthalmology service provision.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 I write to submit a FOI request regarding Ophthalmology service provision. I would be most grateful for your response to the following questions:**

**How many full-time equivalent consultants are in employment in the department?**

A1 As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019: Consultants 9.3 FTE

**Q2 How many full-time non-training grade doctors are in employment in the department?**

A2 Please see below: As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019

- Non-Consultant Career Grades = 4.26 FTE
- Other Non-Training Grades = 1 FTE

**Q3 Are there any unfilled consultant posts?  
Please state which sub-speciality consultant posts remain unfilled**

A3 No

**Q4 Is there a community glaucoma service?**

A4 Yes

**Q5 Is the community glaucoma service offered through AQP (Any Qualified Provider)?  
Please state which AQP if applicable:**

A5 Information not held by UHNM.  
This documentation is held by the commissioners. You may wish to approach the Clinical Commissioning Groups to see if they hold further information. They can be contacted as follows:

North Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group

Email: [foi.northstaffordshireccg@lancashirecsu.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.northstaffordshireccg@lancashirecsu.nhs.uk)

Stoke-on-Trent Clinical Commission Group  
Email: [foi.StokeonTrentCCG@lancashirecsu.nhs.uk](mailto:foi.StokeonTrentCCG@lancashirecsu.nhs.uk)

**Q6 Is there a paediatric screening service?**

A6 Yes, at the Royal Stoke university Hospital however this only covers Stoke LEA as this service is not commissioned by Staffordshire

**Q7 Is the paediatric screening service offered through AQP?**

A7 This is commissioned by Stoke Public Health through a tendering process as necessary

**Q8 Is there a Local MECS (Minor Eye Conditions Service)?  
Please state who this is offered through if applicable:**

A8 Yes at the Royal Stoke university Hospital, working with The Stoke and North Staffordshire CCG alongside the Staffordshire LOC

**Q9 Does the department outsource any other speciality services to community based AQPs?  
Please state which if applicable:**

A9 No

**Q10 Does the department offer collagen cross-linking?  
If not, which centre(s) are patients referred to?**

A10 Yes

**Q11 Does the department offer Femto laser treatment for cataract surgery?**

A11 No

**Q12 Does the department offer Femto laser treatment for corneal surgery?**

A12 No

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

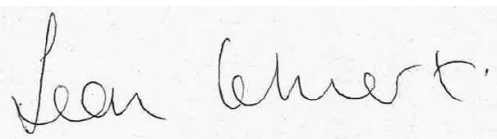
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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**Information Governance Manager**