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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 4th December 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding trampolines

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 We would like to have the data please to show how many people (all ages) were seen in A&E following Trampolining accidents in the 12 months (1st January to 31st December) of the following years:**

**2014**  
**2015**  
**2016**  
**2017**  
**2018**  
**2019**  
**2020**  
**2021**  
**2022**

A1 I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in this question is not held centrally, but may be recorded in health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for. In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

**Q2 Was there a breakdown in how serious the accidents would have been - and if so, is this available in data format?**

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**Q3 Lastly, is there a breakdown of whether these accidents were on garden trampolines, trampoline clubs or trampoline parks please? If so, could we have the breakdown showing this please?**

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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.

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Yours,



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