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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 4th July 2018 (received into our office 5th July) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding multiple sclerosis disease modifying therapy service.

On 5th July 2018 we contacted you via email as we required a time period for the information to be collated for.

On 19th July 2018 you replied via email the following:

"The information I require is the current number of MS patients on DMT together with the current weekly number of Consultant PA's that are dedicated to the DMT service".

As of 1st 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 Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), please inform me of the number of patients under your care with multiple sclerosis who are on disease modifying therapies

A1 In total the Trust has 751 patients on Disease Modifying Therapies (DMT's) (either with appointment date or currently waiting) please note that this information is from today's date 31.7.2018 and is subject to change daily.

Q2 What are the total number of Neurology Consultant PAs (Programmed Activities) required to deliver the DMT service.

A2 Based on 751 DMT patients there is a requirement for circa 94 consultant PA's. (751DMT patients /8 pts per clinic =94).

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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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