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Date: 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding smear tests.

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 Please could you tell me the number of women for each month between June 2015 and June 2021 whose smear tests have shown that they have?**

- a) HPV?
- b) abnormal cells?

A1 Information not held by UHNM: the National Statistics web site holds this information and can be found at the following link: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/>  
Path way:

Series / Collection  
Cervical Screening (Annual)  
Official statistics, National statistics  
Frequency: Yearly  
Geographic Coverage: United Kingdom  
Geographical Granularity: Country, Strategic Health Authorities, Local Authorities, Primary Care Trusts, Regions

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**Q2 Please could you also tell me how many smear tests were done in each month, so that I can express this as a percentage of total smear tests?**

A2 As answer 1

**Q3 If you have the information, please could you tell me what the average time was between smear tests for individual patients (ie, they had them on average every three years 2 months etc) for each month from June 2015 to June 2021?**

A3 As answer 1

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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.

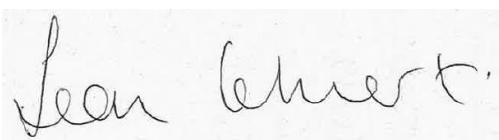
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,





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