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Dear

I am writing in response to your letter dated 8th August 2018 (received into our office 13th August) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding audited accounts.

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 Please send me a copy of audited accounts for years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding audited accounts for years 2016-2017 and 2017-2018, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/How-we-are-doing/Pages/AnnualReportsandAccounts.aspx>

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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.

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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