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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 (received into our office 13<sup>th</sup> September) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding sepsis figures.

The Trust uses incident management systems "Datix" and the national reporting system "STEIS", whilst serious incidents are recorded in these systems not all of the information you have requested is recorded in the format you are requiring for all these years and would therefore require us to extrapolate information from each system and create a new report to provide this. The FOI Act covers information held by the Trust, and we are not obliged to create new information in order to answer an FOI request, As well as creating new information, this would also take in excess of the 18 hours allowed for under the FOI Act, and would therefore be exempt under section 12: *cost of compliance is excessive*.

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 Can you please tell provide me with the information for the following years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 (up to the date this request was received), in monthly breakdowns:**

**1a. Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/ severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic -shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that received intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please state the number where death was a recorded outcome;**

A1 Section 12 exemption as detailed above.

**Q2 1b. Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that did not receive intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please state the number where death was a recorded outcome;**

A2 As answer 1

**Q3 2a. Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust for 2016-17 and 2015-16, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/severe sepsis, Red Flag**

**Sepsis or septic shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that received intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please give the number of cases that were subsequently investigated as part of the hospital's internal clinical risk reporting process;**

A3 As answer 1

**Q4 2b. Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust for 2016-17 and 2015-16, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/ severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that did not receive intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please give the number of cases that were subsequently investigated as part of the hospital's internal clinical risk reporting process;**

A4 As answer 1

**Q5 Of questions 2a and 2b, please identify the number of investigations that related to a death outcome and the number that related to a harm outcome.**

A5 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.

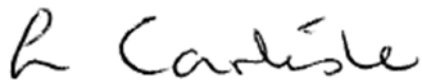
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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