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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Windows 7.

UHNM has reviewed your questions and believes that the release of this information potentially puts the Trust at risk and therefore is exempted under section 24(1) which states "Information which does not fall within section 23(1) is exempt information if the exemption from section 1(1) (b) 2 is required for the purpose of safeguarding national security." Furthermore withholding this information is also supported by the Freedom of Information Amendment (Terrorism and Criminal Intelligence) Act 2004

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 I am contacting you to conduct a Freedom of Information request about the use of the Windows 7 operating system within NHS Trusts following its end of life earlier this month. I am aware that as part of the transition period to Windows 10, NHS digital has negotiated with Microsoft to provide Windows Defender Advanced Threat Protection (WDATP) for Trusts that have committed to migrating from their current Windows 7/8 estates to Windows 10. In light of this I have several questions for your specific Trust that I would greatly appreciate a response to:**

**1. Has your NHS Trust opted in to the Department of Health and Social Care's WDATP scheme?**

A1 Section 24(1) and Section 23(1) exemptions as detailed above

**Q2 At the time of inquiry, how many devices are currently running Windows 7?**

A2 As answer 1

**Q3 Will all of the Trust devices be updated to Windows 10 by 14 January 2021?**

A3 As answer 1

**Q4 Were software or hardware security issues the main reason for requiring an extension past Windows 7's EoL on 14 Jan 2020?**

A4 As answer 1.

**Q5 How much will it cost in man-hours to complete the migration to Windows 10?**

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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