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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 31st July 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding vending machines and canteens.

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 I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information on vending machines.

How many vending machines do you have in operation across your Trust? Please provide data for each financial year from 2010 to 2018 (Year to Date) inclusive.

A1 For the Royal Stoke University Hospital (RSUH) the vending machines are provided under the private finance initiative (PFI) and are therefore not managed by the Trust. However, we can confirm the following: A 24-hour vending area (situated in the entrance hall of the restaurant)

At County Hospital (Stafford) information not held pre October 2017. From 2017 onwards, there are 5 machines in contracted operation and 1 directly owned by the Trust.

Q2 Please provide any details around the content of the vending machines as of 1 April 2018.

A2 For the Royal Stoke University Hospital (RSUH) the vending machines are provided under the private finance initiative (PFI) and are therefore not managed by the Trust. However, we can confirm the following: A 24-hour vending area (situated in the entrance hall of the restaurant) provides a range of drinks, light snacks, fruit and confectionery items.

At County Hospital the 3 machines provide hot drink options, 2 machines provide confectionary and cold drink options, and 1 machine provides sandwiches, fruit, salads and yogurts.

Q3 Please outline whether pieces of fruit are available for purchase within the vending machine

A3 Information is not held for the Royal Stoke University Hospital (RSUH) as vending machines are provided under the private finance initiative (PFI) and are therefore not managed by the Trust.

One vending machine has fruit available at County Hospital (Stafford)

Q4 Please outline the opening hours of your staff canteens and please detail which staff canteens are open 24/7.

A4 For the Royal Stoke University Hospital (RSUH) the canteen are provided under the private finance initiative (PFI) and are therefore not managed by the Trust. However, we can confirm the following: Open 08.00 to 21.00 hours Monday to Sunday.

At County Hospital Nightingales restaurant is open Monday to Friday 0830 – 1630 only, this is both open to the public and staff.

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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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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