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Dear

I am writing in response to your letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (received into our office 22<sup>nd</sup> October) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding elderly wards and our response to FOI request reference 399-1920.

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 Thank you for your response to my letter of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019, which I received yesterday. Please consider questions 1 and 3 closed.**

**In relation to question 2, however, could you please provide comparative discharge and death rates for 2016-17 and 2017-18 by each of the five individual wards referenced in your answer to question 1, as originally requested?**

**Can you please also clarify whether “deaths” form part of, or are in addition to discharge?**

A1 Your original question was as follows:

**(Q2 For such wards, where admission rate, over the period April 2017-March 2018, inclusive, had not, or had only, by common sense standards, slightly decreased, by comparison with the period April 2016- March 2017 inclusive:**

**Please specify how many returned fewer numbers of deaths between April 2017-March 2018 inclusive than between April 2016- March 2017 inclusive.)**

UHNM answered:

(A2 Please see below:

	2016/17	2017/18
Total Discharges	2789	2676
Total Deaths	415	499

A1 Please note that a break down by ward was not previously requested, however see below: To clarify, deaths are included within the overall number of discharges which follows national guidance.

Please also note, there is significant case mix variation between wards and indeed year-on-year within the same ward so direct comparisons between wards and across different time periods should be treated with circumspection.

Ward	2016/17		2017/18	
	Total discharged	Total deaths	Total discharged	Total deaths
1 <sup>st</sup>	422	55	536	83
2 <sup>nd</sup>	747	131	588	129
3 <sup>rd</sup>	411	67	365	74
4 <sup>th</sup>	650	86	649	113
5 <sup>th</sup>	559	76	538	100
Total	2789	415	2676	499

\*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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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.

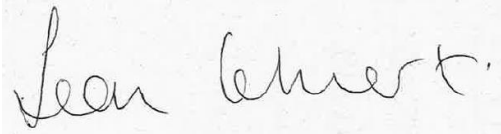
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert  
**Information Governance Manager**