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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding EU exit preparation.

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 Have you appointed a senior responsible officer for EU Exit preparation? If so, who is it and what is their existing job title with the trust?**

A1 The Trust has appointed Jon Scott, the Trust's Chief Operating Consultant as the senior responsible officer for EU Exit preparation.

**Q2 All NHS Trusts and foundation Trusts have been asked to undertake internal reviews/self-assessments of purchased consumables, goods and services (non-clinical) to understand any risks to operations if there is disruptions in supply in the event of a no-deal EU exit. Please send your Trust's review/self-assessment.**

A2 The Trust considers your request to be exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act as to release this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust. The Trust has applied the public interest test to this request and feels that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. In addition, the Trust is applying section 29(1)(a)(b) financial/economic interests of any administration in the United Kingdom

**Q3 All NHS Trusts and foundation Trusts were asked to assess whether your organisation has incurred a reduction in the number of EU nationals in your workforce before the UK leaves the EU. Please confirm if you have carried out this assessment, and if you have please send the assessment.**

A3 As answer 2

**Q4 All NHS Trusts and foundation Trusts were told to undertake local risk assessments to identify any staff groups or services that may be vulnerable if there is a shortfall of EU nationals. Please confirm if you have carried out such assessments, and if you have please send the assessments.**

A4 As answer 2

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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:

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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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**Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance**