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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 30th May 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding EPR

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 Patient data is generated from various sources, but disjointed systems and incompatible devices hinder care-team workflows and the usefulness of patient records. Manual data entry, required by unconnected devices, slows workflows, and increases errors. Some brands even silo data, making it inaccessible for aggregation. This affects hospital care teams, administrators, IT staff, and patients.**

**At [REDACTED] we are interested to learn the following and would be grateful for an official response:**

A1 See attached

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Yours,



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