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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding cyber check testing.

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 CHECK is the umbrella term for the National Cyber Security Centre approved penetration test companies and the method in which they conduct a penetration test. Could you please tell me whether you have had a CHECK test in?**

- i) 2016/17
- ii) 2017/18
- iii) 2018/19?

A1 UHNM has had a CHECK test in all of the years listed.

**Q2 Could you also tell me what cyber security you have aside from CHECK work including the following?**

- i) User education
- ii) Other penetration tests
- iii) Internal security team
- iv) Other.

A2 UHNM takes cyber security seriously and uses all the above to ensure that our systems are secure.

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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.

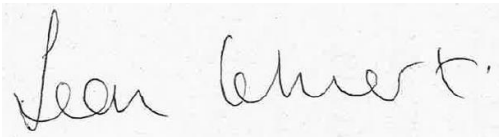
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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**Information Governance Manager**