

Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-150

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding diagnostic tests

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 Which specific procedures are conducted by Healthcare Professionals within?**
- a) The diagnostic tests available in the Trust's Community Diagnostic Centres**
  - b) The surgeries available in the Trust's Surgical Hubs?**

A1 See below;

- a) The Trust does not have a live community diagnostic centre. A recently developed surgical hub has been commissioned at the County Hospital Site
- b) The Trust aligns surgical capacity to the needs of the patient through a variety of different locations across acute hospital sites. At the recently developed hub at the County hospital site, there are a variety of day case, OPPROC and diagnostic procedures carried out across multiple specialities including orthopaedic surgery, urology, pain management, gynaecology, plastics surgery and GI services

- Q2 What medical technologies are used within?**
- a) The diagnostic tests available in the Trust's Community Diagnostic Centres**
  - b) The surgeries available in the Trust's Surgical Hubs?**

A2 a) NA  
b) Scoping technology for urology and gynaecology patients in addition to core estate facilities

- Q3 Can the Trust provide a list of any applicable NICE Guidance followed within?**
- a) The diagnostic tests available in the Trust's Community Diagnostic Centres**
  - b) The surgeries available in the Trust's Surgical Hubs?**

A3 NICE guidance is available via: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance>. All statutory and governance processes are followed at UHNM

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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.

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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