



**University Hospitals
of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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Date: 27th August 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 16th August 2019 (received into our office 19th August) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding delayed transfers of care (DTC).

As of 1st 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 Could the authority state how they use agencies and/or software to expedite the discharge of DTC patients?

A1 Information is not held by UHNM. This information may be held by Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and they can be contacted at the following email: foi@mpft.nhs.uk

Q2 How much did they spend with agencies to arrange placements with care homes or home care for DTC patients in each of the last three financial years?

A2 As answer 1

Q3 Do they use Capacity Tracker or any other software of services to identify care homes or home care packages? Please state which software or services are used.

A3 As answer 1

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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.

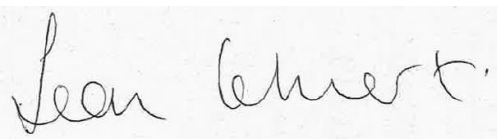
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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