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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 8th May 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Tier 2 visa.

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 For each calendar year since 2010, broken down by month:

How many applications for a restricted certificate of sponsorship for a Tier 2 (General) visa has the Trust made to the Home Office (through the sponsorship management system or other routes) for (a) clinical staff? (b) Non-clinical staff

- A1 No records are retained and the Home Office Sponsorship Management System has no reporting functionality that we can access
- Q2 How many of these applications were
 (a) Successful and (b) unsuccessful for (i) clinical staff and (ii) non-clinical staff
- A2 Not applicable
- Q3 How many applications for a restricted certificate of sponsorship for a Tier 2 (General) visa has the Trust made to the Home Office (through the sponsorship management system or other routes) for (a) professions on the Shortage Occupation List (b) Professions not on the Shortage Occupation List
- A3 As answer 1
- Q4 How many of these applications were
 - (a) Successful and (b) unsuccessful for (i) professions on the Shortage Occupation List
 - (ii) professions not on the Shortage Occupation List
- A4 Not applicable



- Q5 Where the data is accessible within the limits of the Act, please provide a breakdown by profession for clinical and non-clinical staff e.g. nurse, doctor etc.

 How many clinical staff positions is the Trust currently planning on filling with an overseas doctor in the next 12 months?
- A5 The information is not held. However, all jobs are advertised generally and the resident labour market test would have to be fulfilled before consideration of an overseas doctor on Tier 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.

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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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