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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing in response to your email dated 7th July 2018 (received into our office 9th July) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding drinking water provision for immunosuppressed/immunocompromised patients.

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 Does your Trust have a policy regarding drinking water provision for immunosuppressed/immunocompromised patients? Y/N

A1 Yes

Q2 If yes, could you please provide me a copy of your policy or guideline that refers to it?

A2 Please refer to the attached document: Policy No.EF04 Trust Policy for the Control of Hazardous Micro-Organisms in Water Supplies. We have also attached the list of high risk areas that is reviewed quarterly by a Water Safety Group as a legal requirement on the Trust.

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.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.





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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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Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance