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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 29th April 2018 (received into our office 30th April) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding complex pacing as a day case.

On 30th April 2018 we contacted you via email as we required clarification as to which Trust you wanted information for? You asked: University Hospital Of North Stafford Shire

On 8th May 2018 (received into our office 9th May) you replied via email the following:

"Please consider this request for the University hospital of North Midlands"

On 16th May 2018 we contacted you as we required clarification on the protocols that you wanted

On 7th June 2018 you replied via email the following:

"Yes for implantation procedures"

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 hospital perform complex pacing as a day case procedure? This includes implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICD), cardiac resynchronisation therapy - pacing and defibrillating (CRT-P and CRT-D).

If so, do you have a Trust protocol for this procedure?

A1 All patients are assumed to be day case unless the Consultant in charge of the care has indicated otherwise. The Trust does not have a protocol as this is now a routine practice.

Q2 What proportion of complex pacing is done as day case as compared to overnight stay (roughly - i.e <25% day case, 25-50%, 50-75% and >75%)

A2 Over 95% of our elective pacing procedures (Brady pacemakers, CRT and ICDs) are done as a day case. The patients we tend to keep in overnight are the patients that have no one at

home to care for them or patients requiring high doses of sedation or patients with a complication.

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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop at the top and a horizontal line at the bottom.



**University Hospitals
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