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Date: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019

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

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding policy on the treatment of "Severe Hyponatraemia".

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 I emailed you in May 2019 (FOI references 099-1920 and 119-1920) requesting your policy on the treatment of "Severe Hyponatraemia". You kindly provided me with your policy for the treatment of Electrolyte disturbances 1/4 - Hyponatraemia (serum sodium <135 mmol/L).**

**If you do not have a policy on "Severe Hyponatraemia" can you please advise me on the guidelines that you would follow for this?**

**I also asked if you could provide me with the intensive care clinical guidelines for adult patients, you informed me that they were under review and the Trust expected them to be ratified and to be available by September 2019. I would be grateful if you would kindly forward these to me also.**

**A1** Please refer to the attached document. Please note that this document and others we have previously released to you were in use at the original time of your request. UHNM currently does not have any new specific ICU guidelines available and we are unable to advise you further.

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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.

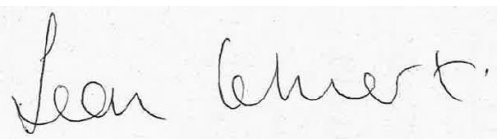
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



Jean Lehnert  
**Information Governance Manager**