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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 1st November 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Ursodeoxycholic acid capsules.

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 Information request – 1 Has the pharmacy of your hospital (since 1st Nov 2017) prescribed any Ursodeoxycholic acid capsules?

- A1 The Trust's pharmacies have issued Ursodeoxycholic acid capsules within the period 01/11/17-01/11/18.
- Q2 Information request 2 If the answer is 'yes' to request 1, could you send me details of the number of capsules and brand(s) dispensed in the 12 month period (1st Nov 2017 to 31st Oct 2018).
- A2 Please see below:

Number of capsules dispensed	4824
Brand(s) used	Ursofalk

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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

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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