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Quality, Safety and Compliance Department

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Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 21st March 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding rubber band ligation of haemorrhoids

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 of the OPCS codes below I would like to know the total numbers of patients which were treated/assigned the following procedures/codes for 2018:

Inpatient numbers only for this (i.e. daycase/main operating theatres)

Description: Rubber Band Ligation of Haemorrhoid

OPCS Code: H52.4

HRG: FZ23A

Total number of patients treated:

- A1 The number of patients who had the procedure H524 for the period 2018 = 51*
- Q2 A70.1 Implantation of neurostimulator into peripheral nerve. Total number of patients =
- A2 The number of patients who had the procedure A701 for the period 2018 = 10*
- Q3 A70.4 Insertion of neurostimulator electrodes into peripheral nerve. Total number of patients =
- A3 The number of patients who had the procedure A704 for the period 2018 = 17*
 - *Please note we have extracted the information using only the OPCS coding supplied.

*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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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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