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Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Transient Ischaemic Attack

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 Western Sussex Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is looking to improve its performance of seeing patients with suspected Transient Ischaemic Attack (TIA, high Risk patients) within 24 hours against the South East Coast Clinical Networks Standard (2016) of 60% Target.**

**As such, please could you provide your Trust's average % of TIA/High Risk Patients seen within 24 hours from referral, for the period 1 June 2019 to 31 May 2020 as well as monthly data during this time period?**

A1 Please see below: note, where the breach is "Yes", then this is where the patient did not meet the criteria for BPT.



## Specialised Division: Neurosciences

### TIA Best Practice Data : Summary

**Measure:** The clock starts at the time of first relevant presentation of the patient to any healthcare professional (eg a paramedic, GP, stroke physician, district nurse or A&E staff). The clock stops 24 hours after this initial contact, by which time all investigations and treatments should be completed.

Report Period : June 2019 to May 2020

Rothwell Score	HIGH (4 TO 6)
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Number of Patients Year	Month	Breach		Grand Total	TIA BP %
		Yes	No		
2019	Jun	2	42	44	95.5%
	Jul	3	30	33	90.1%
	Aug	1	23	24	95.8%
	Sep	3	26	29	89.7%
	Oct	1	25	26	96.2%
	Nov	4	22	26	84.6%
	Dec	3	24	27	88.9%
2020	Jan	5	29	34	85.3%
	Feb	2	25	27	92.6%
	Mar	1	32	33	97.0%
	Apr	1	30	31	96.8%
	May	4	21	25	84.0%
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>359</b>	<b>91.6%</b>

**Q2 Could you also define the model that you use to see these patients e.g. outpatient clinic vs inpatient assessment unit.**

**A2** All the primary care TIA referrals, if received within 24 hours of onset are called upon receipt of referral by the stroke CNS and offered same day imaging, bloods and ECG. Then they are seen after this as ward attender or in outpatients, dependent on facility available. For all A&E referrals the stroke CNS is bleeped and we arrange imaging and see them in portal of entry at the time of referral whilst in department so no need to come back to clinic.

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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.

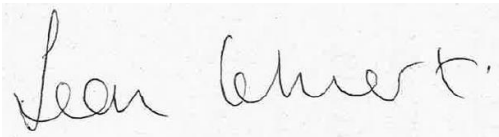
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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