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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 13th September 2018 (received into our office 14th September) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Accident and Emergency admissions.

On 13th September 2018 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on whether you are referring to patients who attend A&E and are subsequently admitted or are you referring to attendances?

On the same day you replied via email with the following:

"I am referring to the attendances in A&E not those admitted."

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 How many Accident and Emergency admissions have been recorded as intentional self-harm (x84) as the chief complaint, between 1st August 2017- 31st July 2018?

A1 Please note we are not able to identify "intentional" self-harm as we do not record that level of detail. Also please note that the data dictionary for chief complaint does not go down to this level of detail; therefore we have given all self-harm attendances as being eight hundred and twenty one (821).

Q2 How many Accident and Emergency admissions have been recorded with suicidal intent (R458) as the chief complaint, between 1st August 2017- 31st July 2018?

A2 Please note we are not able to identify "suicidal intent" as this is not part of the data dictionary standard for chief complaint. The closest data dictionary standard option is "suicidal thoughts" therefore we have given all suicidal thought attendances as being six hundred and fifty (650).

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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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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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

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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