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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3rd May 2021 (received into our office 4th May 2021) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Prof. Baker (FOI request response reference 007-2122)

***The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.***

***However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.***

***We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.***

***The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS***

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**Q1** Many thanks for the information, which is most helpful. I noticed that Prof Philip Baker was named as one of the contacts for UHNM on the Clinical Trial.gov web site for the IMPROVED trial. Please see here under contacts: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/history/NCT01891240?A=1&B=8&C=merged#StudyPageTop> Prof Philip Baker was also named in the protocol for the NIHR-funded STRIDER trial as the person responsible for conducting the trial at the University Hospital of North Staffordshire; please see p4/57 in the protocol which can be downloaded here: <https://fundingawards.nihr.ac.uk/award/12/62/109>  
I am rather concerned by this because I am aware that Prof Baker did not have a licence to practise medicine in the UK. Could you please tell me if Prof Baker had any association with UHNM?

A1 See below:

IMPROVED

Keele University was the lead sponsor for this project. Professor Philip Baker was a research Professor that was the Chief Investigator for this project. He was not directly involved on a day to day basis.

The Principal Investigator for this study was Professor O'Brien as the previous FOI response given. The other members of the team that worked on this project were all registered research midwives that had employment contracts. The procedures were undertaken by these members of staff.

STRIDER

University of Liverpool were the Sponsor of this project. An amendment was submitted by the Sponsor to change the Principal Investigator from Professor Philip Baker to Mrs Geraldine Masson.

The Principal Investigator for this project was Mrs Geraldine Masson, Consultant Obstetrician. The other members of the team that worked on this project were registered research midwives

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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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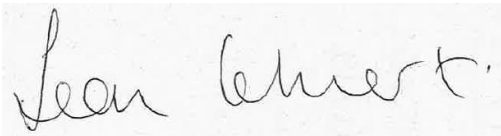
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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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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