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Dear,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 05.05.21 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding endoscopy procedures and decontamination.

***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***

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 How many endoscopy procedure rooms do you have in your Trust? Are patients able to be separated by gender from admission through to recovery or do you use single sex lists?**

- Number of endoscopy procedure rooms
- Are patients able to be separated by gender (e.g. gender specific pre-assessment and recovery rooms)? (Y/N)
- Do you use single sex lists? (Y/N)

- A1 10 treatment rooms, gender separation throughout except where patients are fully dressed
- Q2 Approximately, how old is your endoscopy decontamination suite/ when was it last refurbished? Will the Trust need to procure new scopes in the next 12 months?**
- **Approximate age of endoscopy decontamination suite / time since last refurbishment**
  - **Will the Trust need to procure new scopes in the next 12 months? (Y/N)**
- A2 See below:
- County - Decontamination suit was built in 2014 – potential to be refurbished in 22/23
  - Stoke - Decontamination suit was built in 2011 - potential to be refurbished in 21/22
- Q3 Have you used a mobile endoscopy service in the last 12 months? Approximately how many endoscopy procedures were undertaken in a mobile unit over the last 12 months?**
- **Mobile endoscopy service used in last 12 months? (Y/N)**
  - **Approximate # procedures undertaken in a mobile endoscopy unit in the last 12 months**
- A3 No, we have not used a mobile endoscopy service in last 12 months, however we have used an insource service delivering approx. 84 patients per weekend. endoscopy service
- Q4 Is in-house endoscopy capacity in the Trust near or fully utilised?**
- **Endoscopy**
  - **In-house endoscopy capacity fully utilised? (Y/N)**
- A4 No we have capacity to move into evening sessions and weekends if we developed the workforce.

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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.

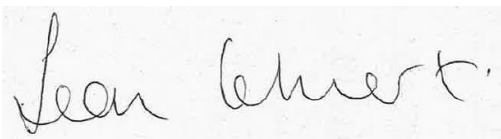
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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