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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 26th September 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Brexit costs.

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 I would like to request the finance costs (both revenue and capital) incurred in complying with the EU exit operational readiness guidance issued on 21 December 2018 by the Department of Health and Social Care.

This guidance asks NHS Trusts and clinical commissioning groups to: “Record costs (both revenue and capital) incurred in complying with this guidance. Costs with a direct financial impact should be recorded separately to opportunity costs.”

The guidance can be accessed here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/768077/eu-exit-operational-readiness-guidance.pdf

Please can this information:

1. Be provided from 22nd December 2018 to the date of this FOI 26 September 2019

A1 The Trust is assessing the impact of Brexit and making plans as appropriate. However, no specific costs have been identified and the assessments being made form part of the Trust’s business as usual so we are not incurring any additional costs.

Q2 Split the costs into
a) **direct financial impact**
b) **opportunity costs**

A2 As Answer 1.

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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.

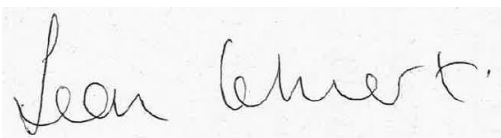
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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