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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding OPEL

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 On which days did your Trust record OPEL (Operational Pressures Escalation Level) 3 or above during weeks 1-8 of winter 2019/20 (2nd December-26th January), winter 2018/19 (3rd December-27th January), and winter 2017/18 (20th November-14th January)? Please use the tables attached, and refer to the 'Example' tab for an example of how this data should be presented.
- A1 This request is not applicable to UHNM as we do not report to OPEL levels. UHNM report escalation levels through the Escalation Management System (EMS) through the on-line Regional Capacity Management system (RCMT).

Information may be available by contacting the following:

North Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group Email: <u>foi.northstaffordshireccg@lancashirecsu.nhs.uk</u>

Stoke-on-Trent Clinical Commission Group Email: <u>foi.StokeonTrentCCG@lancashirecsu.nhs.uk</u>

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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.

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