

## **QUALITY, SAFETY & COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT**

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Request for Information - Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2013 in which you requested access to information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

In relation to the Act, may I take this opportunity to inform you that the University Hospital of North Staffordshire (UHNS) is fully committed to the Act's philosophy of openness which allows the public and individuals to ensure that corporate information is managed and used efficiently in order to assist and support business functions and decision making with the aim of delivering high quality and appropriate healthcare.

You may be aware that the Act dictates that all public authorities must reply promptly and certainly no later than the twentieth working day following receipt of a request; I calculate that you have a right to receive a response by the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013. In order to appropriately respond to your request I am contacting senior UHNS staff whom I believe will be able to access the information which you have requested.

In relation to your request, should I require any clarification or experience any problems, I will of course contact you further. In the interim, additional information relating to the UHNS can be found by visiting <a href="www.uhns.nhs.uk/foi.aspx">www.uhns.nhs.uk/foi.aspx</a>

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact myself or Jackie Knowles on 01782 676474 or via email.

Yours sincerely

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