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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding funding schemes for cancer-patients' treatments and monitoring.

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 Does your Trust provide funding for point-of-care home blood monitoring devices for people with cancer who are receiving systemic anticancer therapy? (Y/N) For added context, examples of such devices include Xprecia (by Universal Biosensors) & Liberty (by Entia), and they offer full white blood counts to assess side effects caused because of cancer treatment.**

**If yes, how is it funded? (please elaborate)**

A1 No, there are no home blood monitoring devices for people with cancer

**Q2 If not, is it because the pharmaceutical company already funds it? (Y/N) (please elaborate)**

**ii. If yes, out of which budget does it come out from? (please elaborate)**

A2 Not applicable

**Q3 Furthermore, if these funding schemes do not currently exist at your Trust and are not funded by pharmaceutical companies, are there plans to fund such initiatives in the future? (Y/N)**

**i. If yes, please give some examples of some of the funding initiatives. Examples of some of these funding pots include but are not limited to, the virtual wards fund, the digital fund, and the Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF)? (Please provide a detailed answer)**

A3 Not applicable

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Yours,



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