



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-211

Date: 29th September 2020

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 4th September 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding referrals.

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 following information please?

How many referrals to social services have been made by Dr Caroline Groves in the last 5 years?

A1 Information held from 2016 only.

We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers of as being <5.

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

Q2 How many of these referrals have happened over the last 12 months?

A2 As answer 1.

Q3 How many of these referrals were due to concerns of FII?

A3 As answer 1.

Q4 How many of these referrals were due to concerns of emotional harm?

A4 None.

Q5 Is it possible to have the names of schools that children have attended when Dr Caroline Groves made her referrals to social care?

A5 As answer 1.

Q6 How many referrals to social care have been made by paediatrics at the Royal Stoke as a whole in the last 5 years?

A6 Please see below:

- 2016-17 =392
- 2017-18 =512
- 2018-19 =573
- 2019-20 =671
- 2020 to date 438

Q7 How many referrals to social care have been made by paediatrics at the Royal Stoke as a whole in the last 12 months?

A7 Data as to how many referrals are put in each year by the Trust as a whole:
In last 12 months 1st September 2109 to 31st August 2020 the figure was 764.

Q8 How many families have requested for a transfer of care for their child from paediatrics based at the Royal Stoke opting for a different hospital in the last 5 years?

A8 Information not held.

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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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.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are

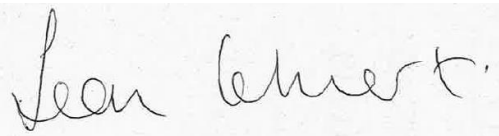
still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

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 671612.

Yours,



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