



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-168

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 17th June 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Induced Illness

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 This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request the following information:**

**For each of the years 2010 and 2020, how many investigations under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 involved any of these terms in the referral:**

- **Fabricated or Induced Illness or FII**
- **Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy or MSbP**
- **Perplexing Presentation or PP**
- **Factitious Disorder Imposed on Another or FDIA**
- **Snomed Code System Concept Code: 95637005**

**How many of those investigations led to a child protection plan, and how many resulted in no further action being taken?**

A1 UHNM answered this request in full 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021, In accordance with Section 14 (2) of the FOI Act, Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.

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

A copy of your request will be available at the following link: Ref 143-2122

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

\*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.

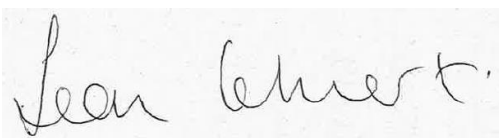
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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](http://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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**Data, Security & Protection Manager**



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