



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-159

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Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 18th June 2019 (received into our office 19th June) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding physician associates

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 Does the Trust employ physician associates?

A1 UHNM does employ physician associates.

Q2 If the Trust employs physician associates, please answer the following questions:

a) Does your Trust use an electronic prescribing system or paper based drug charts?

b) Are physician associates allowed to propose medications on the electronic system, to be approved by a prescriber?

c) Are physician associates allowed to transcribe patient medications onto drug charts or electronic prescribing systems, for authorisation by a prescriber?

d) Are physician associates allowed to write or sign discharge letters?

A2 Please see below:

a) Does your Trust use an electronic prescribing system or paper based drug charts?	Paper
b) Are physician associates allowed to propose medications on the electronic system, to be approved by a prescriber?	No
c) Are physician associates allowed to transcribe patient medications onto drug charts or electronic prescribing systems, for authorisation by a prescriber?	No
d) Are physician associates allowed to write or sign discharge letters?	They are allowed to do discharge letter from the ED with no prescribed medications.

*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.

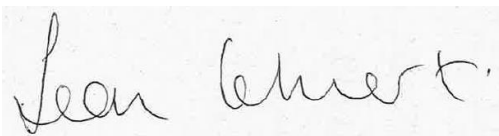
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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 676474.

Yours,



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Information Governance Manager



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