



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-453

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Date: 15th November 2022

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your emails dated 30th September and 11th November 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding bronchoscopes

On 3rd October 2022 we contacted you via email as under section 8(1) of the FOI Act; requestors are required to provide a full name in order to make a request valid. The Information Commissioner states that a "title and/or first name with surname satisfies the requirement for provision of a real name, as does the use by a female applicant of her maiden name". Therefore, in order to proceed with your request can you please supply us with a valid name? Once we have received this we will continue to process your request. If we do not hear from you within the next two months we will assume you no longer require this information and will close your request.

In addition to the above, we require clarification on the specific time period please can you advise from what date require the information to begin and end at.

On the same day you replied via email with your full name and clarified the timeframe as:
'It would be for the last 12-months, so say 1st October 2021 to 1st October 2022.'

On 11th November we contacted you via email as UHNM has received several requests that are asking for similar information that we believe are from the same person/company, therefore we are contacting you to inform you that under section 12 of the FOI Act we were aggregating these requests on rigid bronchoscope- previous ref 362-2223 and rigid bronchoscope

Your new reference number is 453-2223 for both requests

The section 12 exemption states:

The authority can combine related requests received within a period of 60 consecutive days from:

- The same person or
- People who appear to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign.

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.

Request #1



Q1 I would like to make a freedom of information request. Could you let me know how many procedures the Trust carries out each year using a rigid bronchoscope?

Clarified: It would be for the last 12-months, so say 1st October 2021 to 1st October 2022.'

A1 Refer to request #2

Request #2

Q1 Could you let me know how many procedures the Trust carried out using a rigid bronchoscope each year from 2017 to 2022?

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Rigid Bronchoscopy #						

A1 See below:

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Rigid Bronchoscopy #	47	48	49	9	7	41

*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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An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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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