



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-040

Date: 27th April 2021

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 21st April 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding cancer referrals

The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.

We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.

The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS

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 submit the following Freedom of Information request:
What percentage of cancer referrals received an appointment within 12 weeks of the original referral from a GP, for each month in 2019 and for each month in 2020?**

A1 Please see below:

2ww seen over 12 weeks	2019												2019 Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
No	3060	2738	3013	2721	3015	2743	3355	2752	2862	3111	2800	2375	34545
Yes												2	2
Grand Total	3060	2738	3013	2721	3015	2743	3355	2752	2862	3111	2800	2377	34547
% seen over 12 weeks	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.08%	0.01%

2ww seen over 12 weeks	2020												2020 Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
No	3058	2758	1899	1080	1667	2506	2844	2449	2765	3129	2959	2792	29906
Yes	3	2	1										6
Grand Total	3061	2760	1900	1080	1667	2506	2844	2449	2765	3129	2959	2792	29912
% seen over 12 weeks	0.10%	0.07%	0.05%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.02%

*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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