

Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-502

Date: 8th March 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 3rd February 2021 (received into our office 4th February) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Covid-19

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 am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act.

In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible. As you will understand, this may not be a definitive list of relevant information.

Please could I have the details of?

1. The number of hospital patients who tested positive for Covid-19 after initially testing negative between November 30 2020 and 31 January 2021.

A1 220 Patients became Covid positive after 8 days of admission and who were previously tested negative

Q2 The number of these patients who subsequently died

A2 79

Q3 If available,

- **Please could I have details of the date of admission,**
- **The reason for their initial hospital admission e.g. fractured bone, chest infection**
- **The date of the positive test**
- **The date of their death.**

A3 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 dates and timelines requested and reasons for admission, 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.*

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

*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.

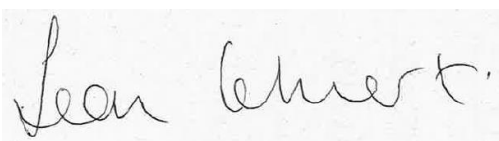
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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





**University Hospitals
of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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