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Date: 11th June 2020

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 4th May 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding acute beds

On our acknowledgment we added the following statement:

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.

On 5th May 2020 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on the following:

- When you ask how many patients were admitted do you mean unique patients admitted once or total admissions?
- What are you defining as an acute bed?
- What do you mean by "Please discount any community patients?"

On the same day you replied via email with the following:

*"When you ask how many patients were admitted do you mean unique patients admitted once or total admissions? **Total admissions to your Trust in the year of 2019.***

*What are you defining as an Acute bed? **Acute beds where a patient has received treatment as an inpatient (disregarding COVID-19 patients and any community patient services)***

*What do you mean by "Please discount any community patients" - **this more so refers to community MH Trusts and other community services.***

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 Please take this as a request as a Freedom of Information Request. If you have more than one site within your Trust please provide the information as a total for the whole Trust and not on a site by site basis.

1. In the year of 2019 how many patients were admitted into your Trust into an acute bed? Please discount any community patients

A1 For the period (calendar year 2019) 228,125 patients were admitted

Q2 Not including any Covid-19 escalation beds, how many acute beds does your Trust have?

A2 The following information is taken from the daily sitrep return which we submit to NHS England: as at 01/06/2020 across both sites (Royal Stoke and County) we have 1347 beds

Q3 In 2019, how many deceased patients were managed within your mortuary services throughout your Trust?

A3 3835

Q4 Please provide the order codes of the 3 most commonly used/order body bags or concealment bags within your Trust in 2019 and provide a breakdown of amounts ordered for these 3 codes. Please include both direct orders and/or those through any procurement frameworks

A4 Please see below:

- Standard body bags = NHS supplies (code VMS015 – Total 53)
- Bariatric body bags = NHS supplies (Code VMS021 – Total 13)
- Envelope concealment bags = Barber Medical (MVFA76 – Total 312 (12 x 26 rolls))

Q5 When ordering mortuary products, do you purchase alongside any other Trusts in a formal or informal purchasing agreement? If so, please name those Trusts.

A5 UHNM does not purchase for or with any other Trust

Q6 Do you have hoisting facilities in any of the mortuaries in your Trust?

A6 Yes

Q7 How many fridges do you have all of your mortuaries within your Trust?

A7 Please see below:

RSUH:	County Hospital:
Standard 189	Standard 32
Freezer 5	Bariatric 3

Bariatric 15	
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*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.

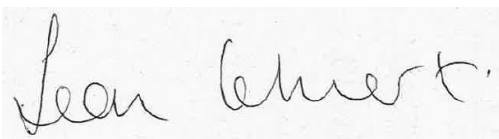
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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