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Date: 3rd March 2022

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 25th January 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding waiting list.

On 27th January 2022 we contacted you via email as we required the following clarification: When you state “non-urgent treatment ” do you mean people waiting on the inpatient list waiting who have been classed as routine as per the NHS dictionary
https://datadictionary.nhs.uk/data_elements/priority_type_code.html

On the same day you replied via email with:
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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 27th January 2022 we contacted you via email as in order to continue with your request we require clarification on the following:

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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 can I ask for the following information?
The number of people currently waiting for non-urgent hospital treatment**
- A1 As at 03/02/2022 there are 10,392 patients that have a routine priority as defined by the NHS Data Dictionary. Please note this is only the patients within Part 2A of the national RTT return - Part 2A Incomplete Pathways - Patients With a Decision to Admit For Treatment
- Q2 The latest copy of the plan to tackle this waiting list (this could be a project plan in gantt chart format or product flow format or it could be an OGIM type document (Objectives, Goals, Initiatives, Metrics))**
- A2 See attached document
- Q3 The latest copy of an internal document describing progress against plan to tackle this waiting list**
- A3 As answer 2

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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.

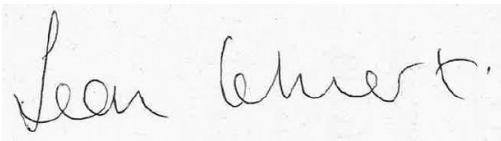
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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



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