



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-370

Date: 17th November 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 7th October 2021 sent to County Hospital (received into our office 19th October) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding potential Philips litigation.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 We have recently been contacted by a client who has been notified about the Phillips CPAP machines litigation in America which has caused some individuals to sustain respiratory problems and potential cancerous illnesses.

We are investigating whether or not there is a potential problem here in the UK and whether individuals are vulnerable to also developing said condition.

We wonder whether you could assist and confirm whether you have had any instances of any particular breathing problems being reported further to the individuals sleep apnea with the use of the following machines manufactured before the 26th April 2021:

CPAP.BiPAP: DreamStation ASV, DreamStation ST AVAPS, SystemOne ASV4, C Series ASV, C Series *SIT* and AVAPS, DreamStation Go, DreamStation SystemOne (Q-Series), Dorma 400, Dorma 50, REMdtar SE Auto, Omnilab Advanced +

Mechanical Ventilators: Trilogy 100 Trilogy 200, Garbin Plus, Aeris, LifeVent, A-Series BiPAP Hybrid A30, A-Series BiPAP V30 Auto, A-Series BiPAP A40, A-Series BiPAP A30.

We are not requesting patient information due to GDPR but if you could confirm whether or not you have had any reports of further problems that would be appreciated. Details as to who to correspond with are provided below.

A1 We are able to confirm that the Trust is aware of some patients who have had increased breathing problems and who are on one of the above listed devices. However, we are not able to advise as to whether these changes are related to the device or due to a natural progression of individual patient's underlying condition(s).

*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.

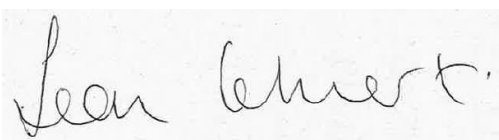
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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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