



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-700

Date: 28th March 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 1st March 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding ward closures

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 state the number of wards, departments or services that have been temporarily or permanently suspended or closed due to structural, maintenance or repair issues (e.g. power failure, flooding, collapsed ceilings, ventilation issues, leaks) in the following years:

- a. 2022
- b. 2021
- c. 2020

A1 No wards or departments closed

Q2 For each year, please provide a breakdown of incidents, covering:
a. The date of the incident and the site of the incident.
b. The cause of the incident – e.g. power failure, flooding, water shortage, ventilation broken
c. Duration of the incident or if it is still on-going

A2 Not applicable as no wards and departments closed

*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,



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