



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-303

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 15th August 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding patients on dialysis.

On 21st August 2023 we contacted you via email as Under section 8(1) of the FOI Act, requestors are required to provide a full name in order to make a request valid. The Information Commissioner states that a "title and/or first name with surname satisfies the requirement for provision of a real name, as does the use by a female applicant of her maiden name". Therefore, in order to proceed with your request can you please supply us with a valid name.

On the same day you replied via email with your name

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 How many patients are on dialysis at the Trust and are these being seen two or three times per week?

A1 258 patients (Sept/23) A mixture of patients on two and three times weekly

Q2 What is your current capacity level and what is your maximum capacity level of renal dialysis?

A2 This is dependant on staffing levels - we have vacant slots but have nursing vacancies to enable the units to take more patients. We will open to 2.5 slots at County when staffing allows

Q3 What is your current number of dialysis stations/beds?

A3 57 stations

Q4 What is the average cost per patient for renal dialysis within an NHS trust environment?

A4 £144.00 this is based on Renal Dialysis average cost using the 22/23 National Costing Collection data.

Q5 Do you run two or three sessions per day and how many days per week do you run your service for?

- A5 We run 5 sessions over two days (2.5) in the Stoke Unit and 2 sessions at County 6 days per week
- Q6 What is your contingency plan for when you run out of internal dialysis capacity?**
- A6 The use of inpatients beds to accommodate the short fall of dialysis space if required
- Q7 Where does the primary source of funding for the renal department stem from? Is it directly from the trust or the ICB?**
- A7 Funding comes from both the Trust and ICB

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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.



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Yours,

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