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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 22nd June 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Coagulation testing.

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. Once we have received this we will continue to process your request. If we do not hear from you within the next two months we will assume you no longer require this information and will close your request.

On 23rd June 2022 you replied via email with your name

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.

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 Does your Trust routinely offer Laboratory based Coagulation testing? (Please answer either yes or no to this question).



A1 Yes

Q2 If you answered yes to question 1, can you please provide us with a list of the tests that you perform?

A2 See below:

Test	Sites performed
Prothrombin time (PT)/International Normalised Ratio (INR)	Both
Activated partial thromboplastin time (APTT) & ratio	Both
D-dimer	Both
Thrombin time	Both
Fibrinogen (Clauss)	Both
PT/APTT mixing studies	Royal Stoke only
Factor assays (VIII, IX, XI, XII, II, V, VII, X)	Royal Stoke only
Anti-factor Xa	Royal Stoke only
Lupus anticoagulant	Royal Stoke only
Factor inhibitor screen	Royal Stoke only
Inhibitor assay (Bethesda)	Royal Stoke only
Heparin neutralisation	Royal Stoke only
Thrombophilia screen (antithrombin, protein C, free protein S)	Royal Stoke only
Von Willebrand factor (antigen and Ristocetin Cofactor)	Royal Stoke only
Rivaroxaban	Royal Stoke only
Apixaban	Royal Stoke only
Dabigatran	Royal Stoke only
Platelet function screen	Royal Stoke only

Q3 If you answered yes to question 1, can you please tell us if any of these tests are sent away for testing outside of your trust (please also detail which tests are sent away).

A3 See below:

- ADAMTS13
- Any other coagulation tests (less commonly requested)

*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.

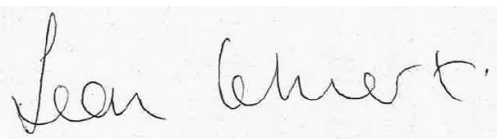
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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