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Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 15th October 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Thoracic Outlet Syndrome.

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 From January 2017 to date, regarding University Hospital of North Midlands Thoracic Outlet Syndrome services -

1. Which Vascular Surgeons specialised in First Rib Resection and Scaleneotomy surgery for the condition Thoracic Outlet Syndrome?

A1 We have a single surgeon Mr Arun Pherwani who specialises in Thoracic outlet conditions.

Q2 For each Vascular Surgeon named, how many First Rib Resection and Scaleneotomy procedures did they perform each year?

A2 See below;

- 2017 = 8
- 2018 = 13
- 2019 = 9
- 2020 = 6

Q3 Of these surgeries, which surgical technique did they use to perform these operations i.e. transaxillary, supraclavicular, infraclavicular, VATS, or a combination of these?

A3 These have all been performed using the supraclavicular approach. Occasional in Venous thoracic outlet patients a combination of supra and infra clavicular approaches are used.

Q4 Which named Vascular Surgeons during this time frame retained competency skills to undertake re-do TOS surgery?

A4 As answer 1

Q5 How many re-do TOS operations (be that from their original surgery or referral from another surgeon) did they perform?

A5 None during the period concerned 2017 -2020

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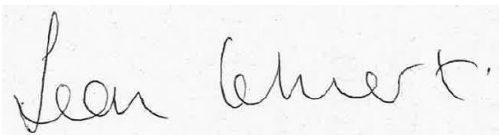
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,





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