



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-053

Date: 8th June 2020

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Ms Lucas

I am writing in response to your email dated 22nd May 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding COVID-19 discharges

On our acknowledgment we added the following statement:

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 I would like to make a Freedom of Information request to your trust.

Please could you provide me with the following information:

1) What is the name of?

a) Your Trust

b) The hospitals run by your Trust

A1 Please refer to the letter head, and above paragraph.

Q2 Between the 19th March – 15th April 2020 how many patients from your hospital(s) were discharged into residential care/nursing home?

A2 355:- please note that Government and Public Health England guidance to test all patients being discharged into a care home did not come into effect until 15 April 2020

Q3 Of those discharged in question 2 how many were tested for COVID-19?

A3 158

Q4 Of those who were tested COVID-19 from question 3, how many:

a) Tested positive for COVID-19

b) How many tested negative for COVID-19

c) How many did not have the results before the patient was discharged?

d) Results were inconclusive

A4 Please see below:

a) Tested positive for COVID-19 = 54

b) How many tested negative for COVID-19 = 104

c) How many did not have the results before the patient was discharged? = 7

d) Results were inconclusive = not applicable

Please also note that some of these patients will have been tested on admission or throughout their pathway as appropriate

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An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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

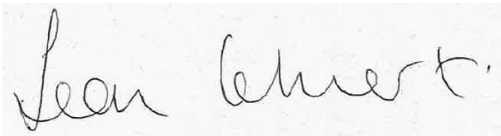
still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

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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