



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-654

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Email [foi@uhn.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhn.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 4th January 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) and regarding Paper Prescription Chart costing.

On the same day you sent in another request on medication errors, we replied via email with the following:

UHNM has received several requests that are asking for similar information that are from the same person/company, therefore we are contacting you to inform you that under section 12 of the FOI Act we were aggregating these requests on Paper Prescription Chart costing and medication errors

Your new reference number for BOTH is 654-2324

The section 12 exemption states:

The authority can combine related requests received within a period of 60 consecutive days from:

- The same person or
- People who appear to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **Request #1**

**Q1 I am a student nurse from Keele University, and I am undertaking a business case regarding the cost of prescription charts and medication errors over using an ePMA system.**

**I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding printing costs.**

**Please can you provide me with information on how much UHNM spent on prescription charts in the last 5 years.**

A1 Pharmacy issued the below in-patient prescription costs for the past 5 years:

2019 - £7,665.04  
2020 - £4,764.50  
2021 - £5,886.05  
2022 - £4,966.00  
2023 - £10,445.32

## Request #2

Q1 Please could you answer the following questions for the previous financial year.

**1. How many reports of medication errors were there and any, where the degree of harm was recorded as death?**

A1 1/4/22 to 31/3/23: 2475 at Stoke and County (combined). 2497 medication incidents in total reported

Q2 I also require a medication incident category for each incident (eg: wrong dose, monitoring, omitted and delayed medicine).

**Please note that I do not require the name of the venue, staff or patient.**

A2 See attached spread sheet

\*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](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Yours,



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