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Date: 26th May 2022

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 21st April 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Cataract Surgery.

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.

On 28th April 2022 we contacted you via email as we required on Questions 5 & 6 what is meant by sub-contractors – we require a more specific definition of who this would include, such as SHS, Agency etc.

On 4th May 2022 you replied via email with:

'By sub-contractors I mean, a provider or providers who have delivered this service on your behalf through a sub-contract arrangement. This could be through insourcing or outsourcing'

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** Please provide the total number of patients waiting for Cataract surgery within your Trust.
- A1 412
- Q2** Please provide the total number of patients waiting for cataract surgery between 18 weeks - 51 weeks within your Trust.
- A2 216
- Q3** Please provide the total number of patients waiting for cataract surgery between 52 weeks - 103 weeks within your Trust.
- A3 135
- Q4** Please provide the total number of patients waiting for cataract surgery over 104 weeks within your Trust.
- A4 18
- Q5** Please answer yes or no. Are you currently using any sub-contractors to support with any backlog of Cataract patients within your Trust?
- A5 Yes
- Q6** Please answer yes or no. Have you used any sub-contractors to support with any backlog of Cataract patients within your Trust?
- A6 Yes
- Q7** Please answer yes or no. Have you transferred any Cataract patients into the care of another provider? E.g.: IPT
- A7 Yes
- Q8** If yes to question 5, 6 or 7, please provide the name and location of the provider (s) you have used or are using.
- A8 Rowley Hall
- Q9** If yes to question 5 or 6 please provide the total number of completed cataract surgeries they have done for you in 2020/21 and 2021/22 (to date).
- A9 61
- Q10** If yes to question 7, please provide total number of patients transferred, by provider.
- A10 137
- Q11** If no to question 9, please provide a reason for not using other providers to support with any backlog within your Trust.

A11 Not applicable

Q12 Please confirm the total number of days a week you deliver cataract surgery within your Trust.

A12 5

Q13 Please confirm how many cataract patients you expect to see on each of the days you deliver cataract surgery within your Trust.

A13 See below:

Monday - 10
Tuesday - 5
Wednesday - 14
Thursday - 14
Friday - 11

Q14 Please provide the name and contact details for the individual (s) accountable for contracting these services within your Trust

A14 See below:
Steven Kettle MCIPs BA (Hons)
Senior Strategic Procurement Manager – Healthcare Procurements

*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.

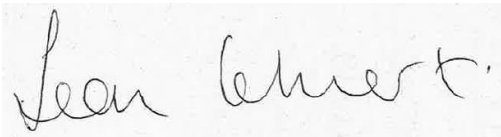
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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



Jean Lehnert
Data, Security & Protection Manager