



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-046

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Date: 7th June 2023

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 21st April 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Male suicide

On 24th April 2023 we contacted you via email as we require clarification on what you mean by "hospitalisations"

You replied via email with:
'Admissions as an inpatient or ED attendances that did not result in an admission please.'

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 This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like access to the following information regarding University Hospitals of North Midlands:

Number of male hospitalisations for suicide or attempted suicide between 1st January 2018 and 1st January 2023, broken down by age group if possible. If the date range exceeds the cost limit, please narrow its scope to 2019-2023, 2020-2023, 2021-2023, etc. until it fits the cost limit.

A1 Information not held as requested, in order to provide this UHNM would need to view all patient health records: section 12 exemption as detailed below:

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in your questions is not held centrally, but may be recorded in health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for. In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

Q2 If possible within the cost limit could you also provide number of male hospitalisations for self-harm related injuries/illness between 1st January 2019 and 1st January 2023, broken down by age group if possible. If the date range exceeds the cost limit, please narrow its scope to 2019-2023, 2020-2023, 2021-2023, etc. until it fits the cost limit.

A2 As answer 1

*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.



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Yours,

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