



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-595

Date: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

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

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding ethnic breakdown

***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 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.

**Q1 In the period 01/01/2018 - 31/12/2020 (3 full years), how many obstetric (Maternity) patients per year accessed PALS and what was the ethnic breakdown for those who accessed PALS.**

**A1** There are 321 PALS contacts where the 'Specialty admitted' is Obstetrics:

<b>Year</b>	<b>No of PALS</b>
2018	107
2019	111
2020	103
<b>Total</b>	<b>321</b>

The table below shows the ethnicity of the patient or of the person making contact, where recorded.

The following is a list of person types that are included. We can't separate where the patient themselves got in touch, Also please note that the numbers include all contacts including Compliments.

- Claimant
- Complainant
- Doctor (GP chasing patient appointment)
- Enquirer
- Information Provider
- Patient
- Relative

<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>No. of PALS</b>
Black African	1
Mixed white and black African	1
Not stated	193
Other Asian	4
Other ethnic category	1
Other mixed	2
Pakistani	3
White - British	115
White - other white	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>321</b>

**Q2 What was the total number and ethnic breakdown for obstetric (Maternity) patients accessing the hospital in general (inpatients and outpatients) in the same time period?**

A2 See below:

Row Labels	2018	2019	2020	Grand Total
A - White: British	5765	5508	5614	16887
B - White: Irish	21	30	24	75
C - White: Any other background	390	387	326	1103
D - Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	31	23	31	85
E - Mixed: White and Black African	28	23	18	69
F - Mixed: White and Asian	22	34	34	90
G - Mixed: Any other background	68	92	89	249
H - Asian: Indian	92	79	76	247
J - Asian: Pakistani	360	364	312	1036

K - Asian: Bangladeshi	30	22	28	80
L - Asian: Any other background	150	161	128	439
M - Black: Caribbean	16	13	10	39
N - Black: African	99	124	122	345
P - Black: Any other background	28	28	30	86
R - Chinese	34	27	19	80
S - Any other ethnic group	180	192	177	549
Z - Not stated	483	503	733	1719
Grand Total	7797	7610	7771	23178

Above is based on unique patient (pregnancy) volume where the pregnancy was created on the Maternity system between requested date ranges.

\*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.

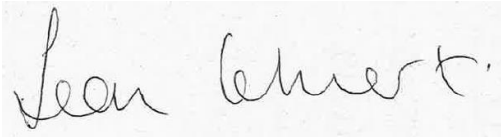
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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

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

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert  
**Data, Security & Protection Manager**