



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-247

Date: 16th November 2022

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 2nd August 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Interventional Radiology.

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.

We contacted you both on 3rd August 2022 to inform you that we would be aggregating these identical requests under section 12 of the FOI Act:

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.

On the same day we also contacted you via email as we required clarification on Q4, what did you mean?

On 22nd August 2022 you replied via email with:
'Apologies for the delay in getting back to you.'

Question 4 is asking what the shift patterns look like.

Hope this clears things up for you and let me know if there are any further questions.'

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 am writing on behalf of the British Society of Interventional Radiology to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We would like to obtain the following data for the period 1st April 2017 until 31st March 2022:

1. Number and type of interventional radiology (IR) procedures performed by the radiology department (only) per each year in question (please see attached excel sheet).
2. Number of interventional radiologists currently in the unit.
3. Number of dedicated interventional Radiology nurses
4. What is the Consultant Interventional Radiology on call rota.
5. Are there interventional Radiology trainees in your units? If yes, how many?
6. Number of Interventional Radiology angiosuites
7. Is there a day case unit in your radiology department and if so, how many beds?
8. Number of beds in the trust.

To assist you, I have attached a spread sheet with details of the data we require and blank columns. *Please note the procedure codes included in the spread sheet are a guide only, your Trust may record the procedures under a different code.*

A1 See attached spread sheet that you supplied

*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.

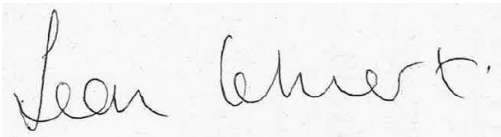
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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



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