



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-229

Royal Stoke University Hospital
Quality, Safety and Compliance Department
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Date: 26th July 2019

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 23rd July 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Inpatient assaults at mental health facilities.

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 I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

I am looking for information about assaults which took place at inpatient mental health facilities. Please can I have the following information?

- **Number of assault(s)**
- **Nature of assault (verbal, physical, both)**
- **Location of assault (ie name of facility, 'X ward')**
- **Assault report(s) (redacted for personal confidentiality as necessary)**

Please could this information be separated into?

- **Assault(s) by patient to another patient**
- **Assault(s) by patient to staff**
- **Assault(s) by staff to patient**

Date range: every month and every year inclusive 1990 - 2019

A1 Information not held due to the Trust not operating a mental health service, this is managed by North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust. If you wish to redirect your request to the Trust you can do so by post or email as below:

communications@northstaffs.nhs.uk

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust
Trust Headquarters
Lawton House
Bellringer Road

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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.

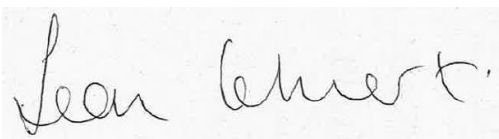
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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 676474.

Yours,



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University Hospitals
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NHS Trust

Information Governance Manager

