



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-356

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Date: 24th December 2020

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 11th November 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding hospital admissions and deaths.

On 14th December 2020 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on questions 7 and 8 as they appear to be the same, please could you explain the difference.

On the same day you replied via email with the following:

“Question 7 is asking what the total bed capacity is for your Trust

Question 8 is asking how many of those beds are occupied at the current time of your reply, and how many of those beds are empty”.

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 questions 5 and 6 is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all individual 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 individual 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*

Under section 16 of the FOI Act we are required to provide requestors with advice and assistance where possible. We would therefore like to advise you that if your request is shortened to just the questions that we are able to comply within the 18 hour time frame. In order to avoid delay to your response we have provided this below.

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 The total number of admissions to your Trust in 2019

A1 244128 (calendar year 2019 (Jan – Dec))

Q2 The total number of admissions to your Trust in 2020 so far

A2 175138(calendar year 2020 (Jan – to date so the 14th Dec))

Q3 The total number of patient deaths in your hospitals in 2019

A3 3171 (calendar year 2019 (Jan – Dec))

Q4 The total number of patient deaths in your hospitals in 2020 so far

A4 3038(calendar year 2020 (Jan – to date so the 14th Dec))

Q5 The total number of deaths from pneumonia related illnesses in your hospitals in 2019

A5 Section 12 and 14 exemptions as detailed above

Q6 The total number of deaths from pneumonia related illnesses in your hospitals in 2020 so far

A6 As answer 5

Q7 Your total bed capacity

A7 As reported on the NHS national daily sitrep report: as at the 14th December we reported there were 1252 beds available

Q8 Current bed occupancy

A8 As reported on the NHS national daily sitrep report: as at the 14th December there were 1084 beds occupied

Q9 Total number of ITU admissions in 2019

A9 Total = 1754 (calendar year 2019 (Jan – Dec))

Q10 Total number of ITU admissions in 2020 so far

A10 Total = 1353 (calendar year 2020 (Jan – to date so the 14th Dec))

Q11 Total number of cancer diagnoses made in 2019 in your hospitals

A11 5231 primary cancers diagnosed over the period 01.01.2019 to 31.12.2019

Q12 Total number of cancer diagnoses made in 2020 in your hospitals

A12 3873 primary cancers diagnosed over the period 01.01.2020 to 31.10.2020

*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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An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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.

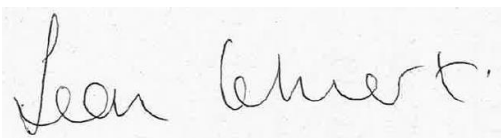
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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