

Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-287

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Date: 11th August 2023

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3rd August 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Transplant training and Transplant training

On 4th August 2023 we contacted you with the following:

UHNM has received several requests that are asking for similar information that are from the same person/company; therefore we are contacting you to inform you that under section 12 of the FOI Act we were aggregating these requests on Organ transplantation and Transplant training

Your new reference number for both is 287-2324

The section 12 exemption states:

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.

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.

Request #1 (formally reference286-2324)

Q1 I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act with a request for information.

Specifically I would like information regarding work on organ transplantation.

Please provide me with the details of collaborations with Chinese hospitals or universities on transplant medicine, research and training.

Please provide this information covering the dates 1/8/2018 to 1/8/2023.

In providing this information please give the start and end dates of any collaborations, the nature of the collaboration (for example doctor exchange, research projects).

A1 Not applicable to UHNM. NHS Blood and Transplant may hold this and they can be contacted at the following email address: <mailto:freedomofinformationrequests@nhsbt.nhs.uk>

Request #2

Q1 I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act with a request for information.

Specifically I would like information regarding work on organ transplantation.

Please provide me with the details of the countries of destination for any foreign medical staff who have received training in transplant medicine at your trust between 1/8/2018 and 1/8/2023.

In providing this information please give the start and end dates of any training, the type of training (for example doctor exchange, research project), and if it focussed on any particular topic.

A1 Not applicable to UHNM. NHS Blood and Transplant may hold this and they can be contacted at the following email address: <mailto:freedomofinformationrequests@nhsbt.nhs.uk>

*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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