



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-564

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your emails dated 21st November 2023 and 27th November 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding dental and malnutrition;

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 dental and malnutrition

Your new reference number for **BOTH** is 564-2324

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

Q1 I am writing with a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, I would like to ask the following:

1. Since 20.11.22, how many people been admitted to A&E at hospitals within your Trust with tooth decay or other dental conditions?

A1 For the period 20/11/2022 – 30/11/2023 there were 424 patients who attended ED due to either Dental Cavities or Dental Abscesses. These are the only 2 dental conditions we are able to distinguish from the ECDS coding.

Q2 Of these, how many resulted in an operation for tooth extraction?

A2 Out of the 424 patients who attended the ED department, 25 patients went on to have an emergency tooth extraction procedure.

Request #2

I am writing with a request under the Freedom of Information Act. Specifically, I am hoping to ask the following:

Q1 Since October 2022, how many people were admitted to hospitals within your Trust with either a primary or secondary diagnosis of malnutrition?

A1 We do not record the reason why a patient was admitted.

The following information is based on diagnoses made whilst the patient was an inpatient, this does not mean this is the reason for the admission.

The following ICD10 diagnosis codes have been used to identify patients with a malnutrition diagnosis – K40 – K46

For the period 01/10/22 to 13/12/23 there were 178 inpatient admissions who had the above ICD10 clinical coding applied to their inpatient stay record - please note these are not unique patients, a patient may have multiple admissions.

Q2 If it does not exceed the FOI cost threshold, could I also ask how many people were admitted to hospitals within your trust with a primary or secondary diagnosis of either Rickets, Osteomalacia or Scurvy? Please provide a breakdown of the number of incidents of each illness. Again, we are looking for the figure since October 2022.

A2 I can confirm that the Trust holds some of the information regarding this request, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/> FOI REF 463-2324

Osteomalacia

We do not record the reason why a patient was admitted.

The following information is based on diagnoses made whilst the patient was an inpatient, this does not mean this is the reason for the admission.

The following ICD10 diagnosis codes have been used to identify patients with an osteomalacia diagnosis – M83

For the period 01/10/22 to 13/12/23 there were 17 inpatient admissions who had the above ICD10 clinical coding applied to their inpatient stay record - please note these are not unique patients, a patient may have multiple admissions.

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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.

Yours,



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