



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-079

Date: 22nd May 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 10th May 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding intraosseous blood samples.

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 We at ESHT would like to make a freedom of information request to your Trust and the hospitals contained within.

1. Does your Trust process Intraosseous blood samples? YES / NO

A1 Yes

Q2 If yes to Q1, what analyser system do you have?

A2 Radiometer ABL90 Flex blood gas analyser. The tests are very rare (may occur in a Trauma patient occasionally) so are not processed routinely. There is little evidence of the clinical reliability of IO sample results so is only used as a last resort.

*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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