



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-021

Date: 18th May 2020

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 29th April 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Doctors in training

On our acknowledgment we added the following statement:

The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.

We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.

The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS.

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 understand that you retain a central record of information on exception reports made by doctors in training and the number of doctors in each training speciality at your trust. I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). The data requested is:

- 1. The numbers of doctors in training on the 31st December 2019.**
- 2. The number of exception reports for 'working hours/safe working' and 'education' submitted between 1st January 2019 and 31st December 2019.**

Please provide data for each of the following groups of doctors in training:

- Foundation Doctors Year 1**
- Foundation Doctors Year 2**
- Core Trainees:**
- ACCS**
- Core Medical Training (CMT)**
- Core Psychiatry Training**

- Core Surgical Training (CST)
- Internal Medicine Stage 1
- Speciality Trainees (Registrars):
- ACCS
- Acute Internal Medicine
- Anaesthetics
- Cardiology
- Radiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Endocrinology and Diabetes
- General and Vascular Surgery
- General Practice
- General Psychiatry
- Geriatric Medicine
- Histopathology
- Intensive Care Medicine
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Ophthalmology
- Paediatrics
- Trauma and Orthopaedics
- Urology

Please find attached an example table showing how I would prefer the information is provided (both word and PDF formats).

If you do not hold this information I would appreciate it if you could identify who collects and retains this information.

A1 Please refer to the attached document that you supplied, note the following:

1. 493 including GPVTS during Q3 2019-2020
2. Data attached in Excel Spreadsheet for categories available to report in our exception reporting system; Hours, Pattern, Educational, Service Support

*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.

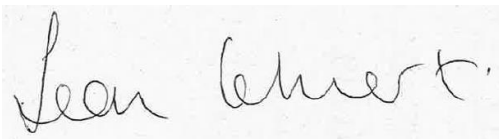
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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