



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-462

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding UV disinfection.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Under the Freedom of information Act could you please supply me with the latest information regarding whether your trust is using UV disinfection to lower HCAI? Questions bellow:**

**1. Are any of your hospitals using UV disinfection technology to help prevent HCAI?**

A1 UHNM has answered this request from a colleague from your company under FOI reference 449-201 released 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021, therefore the Trust exempting this request under the following exemptions.

Section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*, Section 22: *Information for future publication*, this is because the information is available via your colleague and 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/> (reference 449-2021)

In accordance with Section 14 (2) of the FOI Act, Where a public authority has previously complied with a request for information which was made by any person, it is not obliged to comply with a subsequent identical or substantially similar request from that person unless a reasonable interval has elapsed between compliance with the previous request and the making of the current request.

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

**Q2 If yes, which departments and areas within the hospital are using UV technology?**

A2 As answer 1

**Q3 If yes, has it had a positive effect on reducing HCAI?**

A3 As answer 1

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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](http://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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