



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-364

Date: 4th November 2022

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3rd October 2022 (received into our office 4th October) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding structural issues.

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 As of the date of this request, what is the longest amount of time - in days - that one of your outstanding structural maintenance issues has been left unresolved? Structural maintenance issues could include leaks, collapsed ceilings and creaking support beams.

Please could you answer Q1 for the three structural issues which have been left unresolved for the longest amount of time, in descending order?

A1 See below:

Issues of this nature are dealt with in line with Estates standard response times.
Priority 1 Emergency works to be dealt with in 1 hour,
Priority 2 Urgent attend within 2 hours,
Priority 3 Routine attend within 3 days.

There are no instances where occurrences such as leaks, ceiling collapses or structural issues would be left unattended.

Q2 Please send all of your Trusts' hospital reports - commissioned since 01/01/22 - into the safety of their buildings and the risk posed to patients in the event of structural failure in the hospitals. If there are no reports as of 01/01/22, please send the Trusts' most recent report.

A2 There have been no issues identified in relation to structural failure within UHNM that pose risks to patient's safety. Therefore no documentation is attached.

*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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