



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-385

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Date: 17th October 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 1st October 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding high-risk maintenance backlog.

On 2nd October 2019 we contacted you via email as we required the following clarification: What specific 2 year date range the applicant requires i.e. Do you wish the date range to extend two years back from the date of your FOI request or are you referring to financial /calendar years? if so, which?

In addition:

Could you please confirm that where you request copies of RIDDOR reports of “dangerous incidents” what you actually mean and require are copies of RIDDOR reports of “reportable dangerous occurrences”?

On 3rd October 2019 you replied via email with the following:
“The two years from today please. And yes I'm after copies of the riddor reports.”

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 A breakdown of the high-risk maintenance backlog, as of the most recent Estates and Returns Information Collection submission.

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding the above, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: information reasonably accessible by other means. This is because the information is available via NHS Digital’s public website at the following link:
<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/estates-returns-information-collection/summary-page-and-dataset-for-eric-2017-18>

(UHNM code is RJE, information on line 334,335 and 336)

Q2 A breakdown of the significant-risk backlog maintenance backlog, as of the most recent Estates and Returns Information Collection submission.

A2 As answer 1

Q3 A copy of all reports made to the HSE under RIDDOR in the last two years relating to accidents and dangerous incidents caused by buildings, vehicles and equipment

A3 Please refer to the attached documents. Some information within the letters has been redacted. This is because it is exempt under section 40(2) of the FOI Act: *personal information*. The information could be used to identify individual staff/patients and/or their representative and therefore has not been released.

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

Q4 Details of how many times in the last two years the Trust has:

- Experienced a leaking roof in an area where patients are present and details of any incidents;
- Experienced a broken or leaking sewage pipe in an area where patients are present and details of any incidents;
- Contracted a pest control service and details of any incidents.

A4 Please see below:

Contracted a pest control service and details of any incidents –			
Incident	Area	Incident	Area
Rodent Activity	External	Ants	Clinic
Rodent Activity	External	Ladybirds	External
Garden Ants	Post Grad	Wasps	Ward
Garden Ants	Post Grad	Pigeon nests	External
Biting Insects	Office	Wasp nest	External
Rodent Activity	External	Bats	Office
Ants	X Ray	Wasp nest	External
Wood Lice	External	Wasps	Corridor
Ants	No location stated	Flies	Ward
Biting Insects	Office	Wood Lice	Clinic
Fleas	X-ray Reception	Pigeon nests	External
Wasp Nest	External	Rodents	External
Wasp Nest	External	Squirrels	External
Ants	External	Wasp nest	External
Wasps	External	Wood Lice	Clinic
Ants	External	Rodents	Changing room

Ants	External	Rodents	Changing room
Ants Nest	Clinic	Pigeons	Loading Bay
Moths	Clinic	Pigeons	Roof space
Ants	External	Red Spider mite	Roof space
Ants	External	Red Spider mite	Office
Red Spider Mite	Office	Rodents	External
Flies	Ward WC	Fleas	Switchboard office
Ants	External	Ants	X Ray
Fleas	Office	Flies	Ward
Rodents	External	Biting Insects	Office
Fleas	Switchboard Office		

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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.

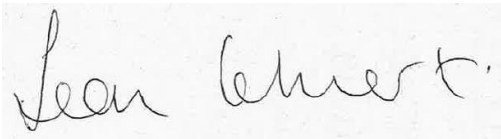
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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 676474.

Yours,



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