

Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-598

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Date: 27th January 2020

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 17th January 2020 (received into to our office 20th January) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding seizure treatment.

On 20th January 2020 we contacted you via email to advise you that the following did not fall under the remit of an FOI but was a Subject Access Request (SAR) which we forwarded on your behalf to the Ministries team who would be answering:

“I was admitted [REDACTED] following a suspected [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] I was taken from my home address of [REDACTED]. To my knowledge, I was not [REDACTED] to ascertain my [REDACTED] which I believe was [REDACTED] nor was I when I arrived at [REDACTED] I would like to know if my [REDACTED] was checked at any time [REDACTED] Please can you confirm if my [REDACTED] were taken and if so, what they were”.

We confirmed that the remaining part of your request would be handled by the IG team.

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 Please can you also confirm what your procedure is concerning patients presenting with seizures, and if treatment differs when patients have seizures due to epilepsy or seizures due to low blood sugar levels.

A1 The epilepsy nurses only review patients with a confirmed diagnosis of epilepsy. Therefore any seizures related to their epilepsy is managed with anti-epileptic medications as per NICE guidelines and the British National Formulary. Patients are reviewed in clinic and have a telephone contact number to call if experiencing break through seizures. All information is documented in clinic letters, letters to GP's following phone calls or documented on the electronic system on iportal. Any triggers for seizures and description of seizures are clearly documented each time.

*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.

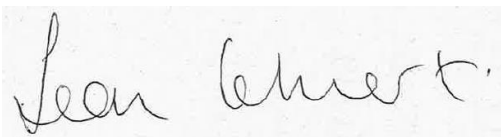
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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

Yours,



Jean Lehnert
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