



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-201

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Date: 4th August 2021

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 7th July 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding PCR tests.

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required clarification on the specific Trust you require information from? As of 31st October 2014 University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust (UHNS) ceased to exist. As of 1st November 2014 Royal Stoke University Hospital and County Hospital (Stafford) became known as University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM).

On 7th July 2021 (received into our office 8th July) you replied via email with:
'My mistake, to clarify the question is in regards to University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM).'

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 would like to know what was/is the cycle threshold used for rt-PCR tests that have been carried out for SARS-COV-2 at the University Hospital North Staffs for the period from March 2020 to present day

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding rt-PCR tests, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link: FOI ref 183-2122- July 2021/22

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

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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.

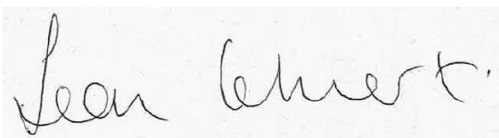
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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



Jean Lehnert
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