



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-112

Date: 11th July 2022

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 6th June 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding abuse.

The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.

We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.

The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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'm writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would be grateful for any information held by your organisation as detailed in the query as below. In order to assist I have attempted to be as specific as possible. I have attached an Excel spread sheet to assist. Please feel free to fill in the spreadsheet or reply electronically with the data as outlined below.

- **Number of abuse incidents against staff working in the Emergency Department from January 2017- March 2022 broken down by month:**
 1. **Assaults resulting in injury**
 2. **Assaults resulting in non-injury**
 3. **Verbal abuse**
 4. **Sexual harassment/abuse**

5. Other abuse not characterised as above

- Number of current clinicians in the General Surgical department:
 1. General Surgical Consultants employed by the trust
 2. General Surgical Consultant vacancies
 3. Post CCT fellows
 4. Post CCT fellow vacancies
 5. Training post speciality registrars (ST3-ST8)
 6. Non training post registrars (ST3 – ST8 level equivalence)
 7. Registrar level (ST3-ST8) vacancies
 8. Core Surgical trainees
 9. SHOs in a national training post excluding core surgical trainees (e.g. GPST, Foundation Year 2 doctors)
 10. SHOs not in a training post
 11. SHO level vacancies
 12. Foundation Year 1 doctors in a national training programme
 13. Foundation Year 1 equivalent doctors not in a national training programme.
 14. Foundation year 1 level vacancies
 15. Any additional qualified doctors not listed as above employed by the general surgical department and their job title

A1 Refer to the attached spread sheets that you supplied

*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.

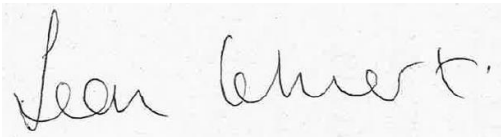
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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



Jean Lehnert
Data, Security & Protection Manager