Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-733

Date14th March 2024

Dear

I I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11th December 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding red flags aggregated with two other requests received at a later date- see below:

On 12th January 2024 we contacted you via email with the following:

UHNM has received several requests that are asking for similar information that are from the same person/company, therefore we are contacting you to inform you that under section 12 of the FOI Act we were aggregating these requests on Induction of Labour and red flag

The section 12 exemption states:

The authority can combine related requests received within a period of 60 consecutive days from:
• The same person or
• People who appear to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign.

On 31st January 2024 you (same company) sent in another request on sexual assaults , we replied as above with a new reference for all 3 requests as 733-2324 and advised you that he 'clock' re-started for all requests as of 31st January 2024

Your new reference number for all is 733-2324

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.

Request #1(665-2324)

Q1   I would like to request the following information,

- **Number of births 2022-23**
- **Number of births 2021-22**
- **Number of births 2020-21**
- **Number of births 2019-20**
- **Number of inductions 2022-23**
- **Number of inductions 2021-22**

- **Number of inductions 2020-21**
- **Number of inductions 2019-20**
- **Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2022-23**
- **Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2021-22**
- **Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2020-21**
- **Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2019-20**
- **Number of "maternity red flag events�• recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2022-23**
- **Number of "maternity red flag events�• recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2021-22**
- **Number of "maternity red flag events�• recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2020-21**
- **Number of "maternity red flag events�• recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2019-20**

A1   Induction count is based on 'Delivery event' as opposed to 'baby birth' Some deliveries may be linked to multiple births.
Excludes unregisterable births (deliveries occurring prior to 24weeks gestation where foetus Not Live born)

Number of births 2022-23	6163
Number of births 2021-22	6180
Number of births 2020-21	6293
Number of births 2019-20	6442
Number of inductions 2022-23	2220
Number of inductions 2021-22	2530
Number of inductions 2020-21	2685
Number of inductions 2019-20	2512
Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2022-23	Refer to request # 2
Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2021-22	
Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2020-21	
Number of Datix mentioning delays in induction 2019-20	
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Number of "maternity red flag events�• recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2020-21	
Number of "maternity red flag events�• recorded in which there was a delay of 2 hours or more between admission for induction and beginning of the process in 2019-20	

Request #2 (677-2324)

Q1 **For the calendar years 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, please provide:**

1. **The number of midwifery "red flag" incidents (examples provided here: https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng4/chapter/recommendations#box-3-midwifery-red-flag-events) identified in your maternity departments, broken down by year**

   o **If your organisation has other "red flag" incidents agreed locally, please specify what they are and how many occurred per year**
   o **Of these, please specify how many of these incidents (as a proportion - i.e. 65%, and the raw number) related to staffing levels. NHSE guidelines state that the midwife in charge should document whether midwifery staffing is the cause: https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/safe-staffing-maternity-apendices.pdf**

A1 Locally we record red flags for delays of induction of labour (IOL) and breach of guidance related to IOL. Due to coding on Datix, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of figures as requested.

We have attached a document showing the red flags recorded since 2020 according to our Obstetric and Neonatal Risk Minutes

Q2 **Please also specify the number of times patients needed to be diverted to other trusts to deliver their baby, broken down by year**
   o **Of those, please break down (again as a proportion and raw number) how many diverts were**
   ☐ **a) due to a lack of staff**
   ☐ **b) for other reasons, please provide details**

A2 Due to coding on Datix, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of figures as requested.

Request #3 (733-2324)

Q1 **The number of a) sexual assaults, b) rapes and c) sexual harassment/abuse offences reported at your Trust, for the calendar years 2021, 2022 and 2023.**

Please list:

the number of a) sexual assaults, b) rapes (including gang rapes - please specify) and c) sexual harassment/abuse offences reported per year

> **of those, please specify:**
> **how many were reported to the police**
> **how many had staff listed as a suspect, and how many had staff listed as a victim**
> **how many had a patient(s) listed as a suspect, and how many had a patient(s) listed as a victim**
> **please also specify report outcomes, i.e. how many resulted in police action, without any identifiers**

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request 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 reference's 034-2324, 087-2324 & 271-2324

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

Q2 **Please also provide a copy of your sexual safety policy**

A2 UHNM doesn't have a sexual safety policy

*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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An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx

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.

Yours,

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