

Ref: FOIA Reference 212-2021/212

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 13/07/21 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Section 47 referrals.

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 tell me how many Section 47 referrals the Trust has received in each year over the past five years (Apr-Mar for each year)?
- A1 We do not receive section 47 referrals- we make child protection or safeguarding referrals to social care but not all of these by any means would result in section 47 investigations
- Q2 Please can you also tell me how many children have been subject to Child Protection Medicals at the Trust in each year over the past five years?
- A2 Information not held
- Q3 If possible, please can you include a summary of the child's condition and the outcome for each case e.g. the child was placed in care, the child returned home but with support from social services.
- A3 As answer 2

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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.

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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.

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