



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-299

Date: 6th September 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 2nd September 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding RIDDOR Reporting of COVID-19.

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 Please provide information showing the number of RIDDOR (Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013) reports submitted to the HSE (Health & Safety Executive) since 1st March 2020 in relation to the following:

Accidents or incidents at work which have, or could have, led to the release or escape of coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) (dangerous occurrences).

A1 In response to this FOI, the Trust reported one incident to the Health and Safety Executive under RIDDOR due to Covid19, however following review by the HSE's RIDDOR Covid19 review panel it was deemed by the HSE that it did not meet the criteria for reporting as there was no evidence of exposure to a release of Covid19 following an investigation carried out by our Inspector.

The details in regards to the requirements for reporting to RIDDOR can be located on the HSE website, please find link below for information:-

[RIDDOR reporting of COVID-19 \(hse.gov.uk\)](https://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/covid-19/)

Q2 A person at work (a worker) having been diagnosed as having COVID-19 attributed to an occupational exposure to coronavirus (a case of disease).

A2 As answer 1

Q3 The death of a worker as a result of occupational exposure to coronavirus (a work-related death due to exposure to a biological agent).

A3 As answer 1

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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.

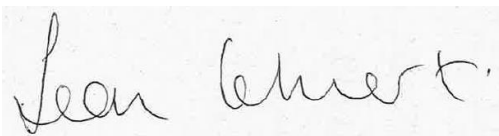
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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