



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-174

Date: 17th August 2022

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 29th June 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Heart Admissions.

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.

On 7th July 2022 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on what heart conditions you were referring to in Q1

On 8th July 2022 you replied via email with:
'referring to coding ICD10'

We replied that this was too generic and that we had asked: clarification on the specific heart conditions you are referring to

On 4th August 2022 you emailed the following:
'Please can you respond as the 20 days is nearing'

We replied via email that we were unable to answer your request until you clarified on the specific heart conditions you are referring to (email 8th July)

You responded via email with:
'ie heart attacks I32 - I52: Other forms of heart disease, including I50 Congestive heart failure. A breakdown of these codes is available in the ICD-10 coding manual.'

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 Admissions due to heart conditions for 2019 and 2020

A1 Unfortunately we do not have a record on Careflow the reason for the admission.

However, to try to answer this question as best we can we have looked at how many admissions were under the following treatment function codes 170 - Cardiothoracic Surgery, 173 - Thoracic Surgery, 320 – Cardiology and 321 - Paediatric Cardiology. It is to be noted that following investigations it may be found that the patient does not have a heart condition. This is the only way we can identify patients admitted with “heart conditions” without you specifically specifying which heart conditions you are interested in.

- 2019 – 7563
- 2020 – 6057

Q2 Admissions for heart conditions for 2021 in

- a Sars cov2 covid-19 vaccinated people (any vaccines whether 1,2 booster1,booster2)**
- b Sars cov2 covid-19 unvaccinated people**

A2 The Trust does not hold information on a person’s vaccination status; therefore we are unable to supply this level of detail.

Q3 Admissions for heart conditions for the current year 2022 in

- a Sars cov2 covid-19 vaccinated people (any vaccines whether 1,2 booster1,booster2)**
- b Sars cov2 covid-19 unvaccinated people**

A3 The Trust does not hold information on a person’s vaccination status; therefore we are unable to supply this level of detail.

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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.

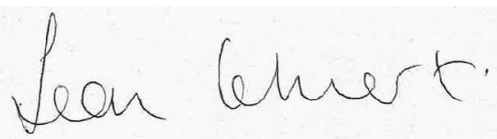
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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



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