



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-609

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Date: 31st January 2020

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 22nd January 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding elastomeric infusion devices.

On the same day we contacted you as we required a timeframe to enable us to collate the information and we also asked you to confirm your name, as your signature was different to the name on the return email.

Please note:

UHNM's request for identification is in compliance with the Information Commissioner guidance "Recognising a request made under the Freedom of Information Act (section 8) Version 1.2". We would like to draw your attention to paragraphs 14, 15, 16, 20, 21 22 and 35 of this guidance. <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-freedom-of-information/receiving-a-request/> and "What makes a valid request?"

The Trust cannot assess fair processing without your response to this email and there is no right of appeal with the ICO, if the real name is not used. (See ICO guidance).

You replied via email with the following:

"Please could we request the data for 2019? Please send the response to the below email address:

[REDACTED]

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 Information request in respect to Elastomeric Infusion Devices

Please could you kindly advise which departments and healthcare professionals within your Trust use elastomeric infusion devices?

A1 UHNM has not purchased and therefore has had no usage of Elastomeric Infusion Devices

Q2 Please could you also advise if you purchase midlines and if so:

1. What brand(s) do you purchase?
2. What quantities do you purchase on an annual basis?
3. Who are the main clinicians responsible within your Trust for the prescribing and administration of elastomeric devices?

4. What medicines do you fill the devices with?
5. Do you fill elastomeric devices in your pharmacy aseptic unit if you have one?

A2 Not applicable

Q3 Please could you also advise if you purchase pre-filled elastomeric devices from a commercial compounder and if so:

1. What drugs are provided pre-filled?
2. What quantities do you purchase on an annual basis?

A3 As answer 2

*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.

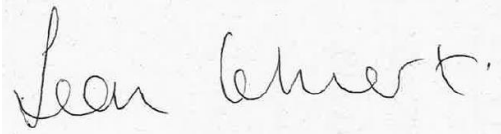
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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 676474.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert
Information Governance Manager