



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-300

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Date: 27th August 2024

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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 7th August 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding codes

On 8th August 2024 we contacted you via email with the following:
Please confirm the following:

Firstly, OPCS4 is NOT the same as ICD10 these are 2 different things - OPCS4: Primary diagnosis
ICD-10 4 digit: Number of cases

It references 3 columns we can't not see the 3 columns of data you require.

It refers to the "the first dataset" then the "other dataset". What are these datasets?

On 9th August you replied with a spreadsheet and an example

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 I am making a Freedom of Information Request for ICD10 first diagnosis discharge codes and cases per hospital in your health authority, and I hope you can help me with obtaining the following data. Any information must be totally anonymised; however, I am requesting the name or the postcode of each hospital as it pertains to the data set.

The first set comprises diagnostic data. There are three columns:

OPCS4: Primary diagnosis ICD-10 4 digit: Number of cases

The other data set deals with procedures/surgery. It has a similar structure:

OPCS4: Primary procedure OPCS-4 digit: Number of cases

The ICD 10 data comprises the range A000 to Q999.

It would be good to obtain the data for the last five years, i.e. 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.

A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this

aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5
This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

Refer to the attached spreadsheet

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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.

Yours,



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