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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 17th February 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding coding.

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required clarification on what you meant by: Lateral release and proximal realignment?

On 10th April 2020 (received into our office 14th April 2020)

“Apologies for the delayed response. Lateral release refers to the release of the lateral patellofemoral retinaculum and proximal realignment refers to addressing the distal femur to alter the biomechanics of the patellofemoral joint.

If this remains unclear and you are unable to retrieve the relevant codes I would be grateful for the codes that apply to the other procedures listed which did not require clarification.

I appreciate there may now be a delay due to the current circumstances”

On 14th April 2020 we acknowledged your clarification with the following:

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.

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 We would be grateful if you could provide us with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to the codes used in your hospital to document this condition and its treatment:

Coding relating to diagnosis:

- **patellar dislocation**
- **recurrent patella dislocation**
- **patellar instability**

A1 Please see below:

- Dislocation of patella = S83.0
- Recurrent dislocation of patella = M22.0
- Chronic instability of knee = M23.5

Q2 Coding relating to treatment:

- **Lateral release**
- **Trochleoplasty**
- **Tibial tubercle osteotomy including Elmslie Trillat / Maquet**
- **Medial patello-femoral ligament (MPFL) reconstruction**
- **Proximal realignment**
- **Allograft (at the time of MPFL reconstruction)**

If your Trust does not manage this condition, I would be grateful if you could send a reply to this effect.

A2 Please see below

- Lateral release = W78.3
- Trochleoplasty = W77.5, Z76.5
- Tibial tubercle osteotomy including Elmslie Trillat/ Maquet = W77.5, Z77.4
- Medial patello-femoral ligament (MPFL) reconstruction = W74.2, Z84.4
- Proximal realignment = information not held
- Allograft (at the time of MPFL reconstruction) = Y27.2

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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.

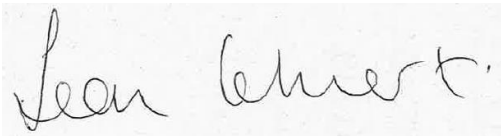
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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 676474.

Yours,



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