



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-466

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 15th November 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Green Light Laser prostatectomy.

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 Have you ever offered Holmium Laser Enucleation of the Prostate (HoLEP) as a surgical intervention for patients with Benign Prostate Enlargement at your Trust?**
- a. If yes, what is the exact date (at least month and year) that your Urology department began to offer this treatment (and end date if applicable)?
 - b. If yes, could you please provide the number of HoLEP procedures completed at your Trust in the fiscal year 2021/2022?

A1 We have never offered HoLeP

- Q2 Have you ever offered Green Light Laser prostatectomy as a surgical intervention for patients with Benign Prostate Enlargement at your Trust?**
- a. If yes, what is the exact date (at least month and year) that your Urology department began to offer this treatment (and end date if applicable)?
 - b. If yes, could you please provide the number of Green Light procedures completed at you your Trust in the fiscal year 2021/2022?

A2 We have offered GLL, we started 2008, however we no longer offer it at UHNM (we stopped listing patients for it at least 12/18/2012)

- Q3 Have you ever offered both HoLEP and Green Light simultaneously as a surgical intervention for patients with Benign Prostate Enlargement at your Trust?**
- a. If yes, what is the exact date (at least month and year) that your Urology department began to offer both treatment options to patients (and end date if applicable)?

A3 We have never offered HoLeP and GLL simultaneously

Q4 Have you ever offered transurethral resection of the prostate (TURP) as a surgical intervention for patients with Benign Prostate Enlargement at your Trust?

a. If yes, could you please provide the number of operations completed at your Trust in the fiscal year 2021/2022?

A4 Yes, we offer TURP, however: I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in this question is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all individual health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: cost of compliance is excessive. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all individual health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for. In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

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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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