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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding TICS & Tourette Syndrome.

On the same day we contacted you as under section 8(1) of the FOI Act, requestors are required to provide a full name in order to make a request valid. The Information Commissioner states that a "title and/or first name with surname satisfies the requirement for provision of a real name, as does the use by a female applicant of her maiden name". Therefore, in order to proceed with your request can you please supply us with a valid name

You replied later that day with your name.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 like you to respond for children and young people within the specified age range that your service accepts (e.g., 6 - 18 years or 6 - 25 years).**

**To facilitate this, please use the attached Excel spreadsheet to provide the information.**

**Please also supply a copy of any service pathways and specifications you may have within your service for children and young people with tic disorders.**

#### Questions

1. **What is the specified age range that your service accepts?**
  - **6 - 18 years**
  - **6 - 25 years**
  - **Other (please state):**

A1 Other (please state): 6 – 16 YEARS

**Q2 If a referral is made to your service for a child or young person with tics without a co-occurring mental health or neurodevelopmental condition, would you:**

- **Accept the referral for assessment**
- **Ask for additional information before a referral decision is made**
- **Decline the referral signposting to other agencies / service**

- **Please provide the name of the agency/service:**
- **Decline the referral but refer to another service within your trust**
  - Please provide the name of the service
- **Decline the referral but make an out of area referral**
  - Please provide the name of the service
- **Decline the referral with no further action**

A2 Decline the referral signposting to other agencies / service- General Practice to refer to CAMHS if associated mental health problems or indications like Tourette's

**Q3 How many referrals for tic disorders did your service receive from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, including those declined?**

- **Please give an exact number:**

A3 Information not held

**Q4 If your service does accept referrals for tics, please continue with the rest of this form.**

**4. Out of the referrals that you have received from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, how many referrals for tic disorders did your service accept?  
Please give an exact number:**

A4 Not applicable

**Q5 Does your service:**

- **Conduct diagnostic assessments for tic disorders? (Yes/No) If you answer No, please still proceed to the next part of the question.**
  - **If Yes, how many patients were seen for diagnostic assessments from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023?**
    - **Please give an exact number:**
- **Provide any interventions for families prior to giving a diagnosis? (Yes/No)**
  - **If Yes, please provide details of the intervention and who provides this intervention.**
- **Offer treatment for tics? (Yes/No)**
  - **If Yes, how many patients in your service were prescribed medication to treat their tics from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023?**
    - **Please give an exact number:**
  - **If Yes, how many patients received behavioural therapy for their tics from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023?**
    - **Please give an exact number:**
  - **If Yes, how many patients received psychoeducation for their tics from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023?**
    - **Please give an exact number:**

A5 See below:

- **Conduct diagnostic assessments for tic disorders? (Yes/No) If you answer No, please still proceed to the next part of the question. = NO**

- o If Yes, how many patients were seen for diagnostic assessments from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023?
  - Please give an exact number:
  - Provide any interventions for families prior to giving a diagnosis? (Yes/No) = NO
- o If Yes, please provide details of the intervention and who provides this intervention.
- Offer treatment for tics? (Yes/No) =NO
- o If Yes, how many patients in your service were prescribed medication to treat their tics from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023? =Not applicable
  - Please give an exact number:
- o If Yes, how many patients received behavioural therapy for their tics from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023? = not applicable
  - Please give an exact number:
- o If Yes, how many patients received psychoeducation for their tics from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023? = not applicable
  - Please give an exact number:

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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](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Yours,



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