



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-484

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Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 24th October 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Anaphylaxis

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 writing you requesting a Freedom of Information. I would like to find out the number of people admitted to your NHS Trust for Anaphylaxis, and the number of deaths caused by Anaphylaxis. I would like to find out what was the cause of Anaphylaxis (e.g. food or medicine).

Can I please request these statistics for the past 5 calendar years and broken down by gender and age?

A1 We have used the period 01/01/2018 to 30/09/2023 to answer the following questions.

1 - The number of people admitted to your NHS Trust for Anaphylaxis

IP Activity

We do not record the reason why a patient was admitted as an inpatient, so this would require an audit to be undertaken of those patients who have the ICD10 clinical coding of Anaphylaxis applied to their record to ascertain the reason for the admission. For the time period stated there are over 300 patients to review.- Section 12 exemption as detailed below:

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 (300) is not held centrally, but may be recorded in health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all 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 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*

ED Activity

The number of patients who attended ED due to Anaphylaxis

Row Labels	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Grand Total
Female	35	54	47	41	43	37	257
0-9	5	6	1	1	4	2	19
10-19	7	4	6	3	5	8	33
20-29	7	20	11	11	10	5	64
30-39	7	7	11	3	11	5	44
40-49	2	2	8	4	6	2	24
50-59	3	6	4	4	3	9	29
60-69	2	5	3	6	4	3	23
70-79	1	1	1	5		2	10
80-89		3	2	3		1	9
90-99	1			1			2
Male	27	35	31	33	25	31	182
0-9		5	3	4	3	5	20
10-19	2	3	4	4	4	6	23
20-29	8	5	5	5	4	7	34
30-39	6	6	3	3	3	3	24
40-49	5	4	5	3	2	3	22
50-59	1	2	5	6	5	2	21
60-69	3	6	5	3	2	2	21
70-79	2	3	1	4	2	1	13
80-89				1		2	3
90-99		1					1
Grand Total	62	89	78	74	68	68	439

2 - The number of deaths caused by Anaphylaxis

We do not record on Careflow the reason for a person's death. However looking at the 439 ED patients none of the patients had a date of death around the time they were admitted. – section 12 exemption as detailed below:

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 questions 2 and 3 is not held centrally, but may be recorded in health records (439) . In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all 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 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*

3 - I would like to find out what was the cause of Anaphylaxis (e.g. food or medicine)- section 12 exemption as detailed above.

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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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