



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-422

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 2nd October 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Facilities Management,

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 Please can you send to me the internal policy, guidance, procedures, processes as regards neurology / neurosurgery, and specifically peripheral nerve injuries, but I would like to understand the whole process end to end.

If your Hospital does not have a specialist nerve department, then the policy for referring such patients to nearby hospitals.

- A1 Neurology /Peripheral Nerve Injuries
A suspected medical cause's peripheral nerve disease
- Referral by GP or by other speciality - initially reviewed in the general neurology clinic by general neurologist.
 - Depending upon the clinical situation investigations will be arranged and will include nerve conduction study.
 - Cases which cannot be managed locally in RS general neurology clinics patients are referred to the tertiary care neurology peripheral nerve clinics at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham.
 - Suspected surgical causes of peripheral nerve injury do not come to general neurology.

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Yours,



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