



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-703

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Section 135 and Section 136

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 I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your Trust. Please may you provide me with?**

**1. The total time, in hours, the patients, brought to the emergency department under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act, spent in A&E from admission to discharge, each financial year, since 2010/11.**

A1 UHNM is not a mental health Trust therefore this information is not held. Mental health services are managed by North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust. If you wish to redirect your request to the Trust you can do so by post or email as below:  
[communications@northstaffs.nhs.uk](mailto:communications@northstaffs.nhs.uk)

North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Lawton House  
Bellringer Road  
Trentham  
ST4 8HH

Note; please UHNM does not have patients in ED under a section 136

**Q2 The total time, in hours, the patients, brought to the emergency department under Section 135 of the Mental Health Act, spent in A&E from admission to discharge, each financial year, since 2010/11.**

A2 As answer 1

\*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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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).

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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of North Midlands  
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