



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-446

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Date: 18th November 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 28th October 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding acute service suspensions.

On 1st July 2019 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on what you meant by 'service'

On 28th October 2019 you replied via email with the following:

"My apologies for missing your email - service means any part of the hospital from dermatology to maternity to A&E. Could you reinstate the request please?"

We replied via email that under the FOI Act (section 45) we are required to keep open requests that have been paused for two months, this we advised you of when we contacted you for the clarification. Two months had passed so your request was closed.

Therefore this is a new request and your new reference number is 446-1920 (previous reference 161-1920)

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 Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you tell me on the subject of service suspensions?

How many of your acute services or units (if any) had to be suspended or closed to new admissions in 2016, 2017 & 2018? Please name the service/unit.

A1 None for the time period requested

Q2 What was the duration of each suspension/closure?

A2 Not Applicable

Q3 What was the reason for each suspension/closure?

A3 As answer 2

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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.

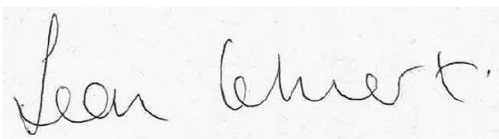
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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Information Governance Manager



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