



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-481

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Date: 17th January 2022

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 17th December 2021 (sent to our communications team) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Guillain Barre Syndrome.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 would like to request, using the Freedom of Information Act, how many patients that University Hospitals North Midlands has identified with Guillain Barre Syndrome which has been associated with vaccination with the Astrazeneca-Oxford vaccine and the severity of their disease.

A1 Information not held by UHM, Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, where all side effects to medicines, vaccines, medical device and test kit incidents for used in coronavirus testing and treatment may hold this information.

<https://coronavirus-yellowcard.mhra.gov.uk/>

Q2 Can I also request all emails, reports or investigations held by UHM that may be associated with this issue?

A2 Information not held.

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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.

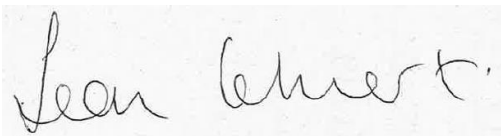
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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