



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-215

Date: 14th September 2020

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 4th September 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Covid staff deaths

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 would like to know the following please for an ITV News survey:

- **According to your records, how many NHS staff at your Trust has died after contracting coronavirus?**

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding staff and Covid, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link: (FOI ref 093-20021-June 2020/21)

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

Q2 If possible, could we also know their role within the Trust (for example ENT doctor, nurse, etc.?)

We're not looking for any personal information about any member of staff, so just a number would suffice (especially if you're unable to give details on the staff members' role at the Trust). This is part of a nation-wide set of FOI requests to establish an overall number for across NHS services.

A2 As answer 1

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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.

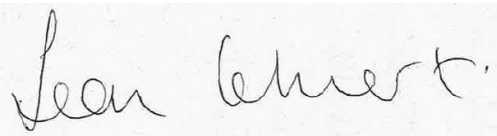
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

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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