



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-368

Date 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 4th September 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Decision making

**Q1 A copy of the local policy or guideline that determines whether a case qualifies for a Structured Judgement Review (SJR) at UHNM.**

A1 See attached.

**Q2 Any internal documents, memos, or communications related to the decision-making process for SJRs / Mortality & Mobility reviews within the Trust.**

A2 Please see attached sample / anonymised email template sent to M&M leads requesting SJRs. We have removed the attachments and personal identifiable information. These emails are sent routinely on a monthly basis to M&M leads.

**Q3 UHNM's performance data on cancer care over the last 5 years, specifically:**  
**o Data or reports that indicate whether the classification of a patient as a "suspected" cancer patient, as opposed to a confirmed diagnosis, impacts wait time for diagnostics, treatment, and overall patient outcomes.**

A3 I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in this question is not held centrally, as the data would be held in various different places across the organisation for diagnostic tests and treatments. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all department records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all department records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for. In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

However:

All suspected cancer and confirmed cancer patients are prioritised accordingly for their diagnostic tests and treatments. There is a priority to select for such diagnostics or waiting list entries at the point of request.

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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).

Yours,



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