



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-467

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Date: 15th November 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 7th November 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding cases which have been referred to the Court

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 am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your NHS Trust:

- 1. “Since 01 January 2017, please specify the number of individual cases where the Court has had to intervene in the treatment of a critically ill child, when there has been a difference of opinion between parents and doctors, over the course of treatment for that child?”**

Please input your response in the table below. An example has been provided to guide you:

Name of NHS Trust	Number of individual cases which have been referred to the Court (state the number)	Additional information
<i>Example: XYZ NHS Trust</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>In 2018, there were two cases where the disagreement between the parent and doctor, over the treatment of a critically ill child, meant a court had to intervene.</i>

A1 Please see below:

Name of NHS	Number of individual cases which have been referred to the Court	Additional information

Trust	(state the number)	
As per letter head	none	Not Applicable

*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.

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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 676474.

Yours,



**University Hospitals
of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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