



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-723

Date 1st October 2024

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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 26th January 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Iron Infusion

On 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024 we contacted you via email with the following:  
To continue with your request we require clarification on the following:

Q1 is this referring to after usage (qty)?

On the same day you replied via email with:  
*'how many (quantity) times have iron extravasations been reported within each year for the past 10 years (if possible)'*

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 an academic paper and I would be grateful for some information about iron (IV) infusions and iron extravasation.**

**None of the information I will be given, if used, will not be attributable to a specific organisation/s.**

**How many iron extravasations have been reported within your organisation, if possible, could I have a 5- or 10-year breakdown?**

A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5  
*This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.*

Year	#
2018/19	<5
2020/21	<5

2023/24 <5

**Q2 Do you know how often IV iron is given, prescribed and used within the organisation?**

A2 See below:

Year	No. Amps/Vials Issued
2014	8852
2015	10507
2016	11580
2017	12211
2018	12191
2019	13782
2020	11858
2021	13078
2022	15929
2023	14831

**Q3 Are patients given any information leaflets/documents prior to infusion? May I have a copy?**

A3 See attached

**Q4 Do you have an iron infusion policy - May I kindly have a copy?**

A4 See attached: note we do not have an iron infusion policy. However, we have supplied the extravasation policy

\*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.

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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