

Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-140

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Date: 3rd August 2020

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 24th July 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding delirium assessments.

On our acknowledgment we added the following statement:

The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.

We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.

The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS.

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 Delirium assessment in routine clinical practice: Freedom of Information Act 2000 request from the [REDACTED]

This request is intended to collect information on delirium assessment processes in clinical care, not including ICU settings. The information requested is detailed in the questions listed below the line.

Hospital / Trust / Health Board (hospital/organisation to which the information below applies):

- 1. Do you have use a delirium assessment tool as part of clinical practice for your non-ICU patients in your Trust/hospital? YES / NO**

A1 Yes

Q2 If yes, in which clinical settings are they in place (please use X to indicate all that apply)?

- Acute general medicine/Medicine of the Elderly
- Emergency Department
- Surgical wards
- Other (please specify):

A2 Please see below:

- Acute general medicine/Medicine of the Elderly
- Emergency Department
- Surgical wards
- Other (please specify):

Q3 Which, if any, validated tools are included in your written (paper or electronic) policies? Please use X to indicate all that apply.

- 4 'A's Test (4AT)
- Confusion Assessment Method
- Single Question in Delirium
- Other (please specify):

A3 Please see below: We use 4 AT in the clerking book for admissions to acute medicine and our frail elderly assessment unit

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- Single Question in Delirium
- Other (please specify):

**Q4 Do you have a pathway or guidelines relating to delirium? YES / NO
If yes, in which year were they written?:**

Please attach an electronic copy.

A4 Please see attached document, please note that we are piloting the pathway on a trauma ward at the moment.

**Q5 (Voluntary: not a formal part of the FOI request)
Have staff or students performed any audits or quality improvement projects on delirium detection?**

If so, please attach an electronic copy of reports or posters

A5 Yes, an audit was done in 2019 re completion of 4 AT this is at both the County and Royal University Hospital sites. We decline to supply the audit.

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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.

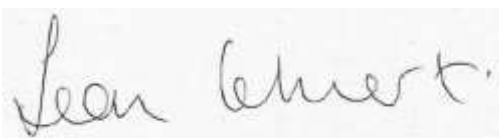
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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.

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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