



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-467

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 17th October 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding electronic prescribing system

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 would like to request the following information, could this information be provided in the table included in this email or in a similar format**

Question	Answer
Do you currently use an electronic prescribing system?	
If so, who is the supplier and what version of the software do you use?	
Have you been on the same electronic prescribing system between 01/10/2022 to 01/10/2023?	
How many allergies have been added to patient records in the system for the drug penicillamine between 01/10/2022 to 01/10/2023?	
How many of these penicillamine drug allergies were recorded as anaphylaxis?	
How many allergies have been added to patient records in the system for the drug class penicillins between 01/10/2022 to 01/10/2023?	
Do you have any mitigations in place to prevent users adding penicillamine drug allergies to patient records in error?	
Do you report electronic prescribing system incidents to any governing bodies outside of your Trust? (e.g MHRA Yellow Card)	

A1 See below:

Question	Answer
Do you currently use an electronic prescribing system?	No

If so, who is the supplier and what version of the software do you use?	N/A
Have you been on the same electronic prescribing system between 01/10/2022 to 01/10/2023?	N/A
How many allergies have been added to patient records in the system for the drug penicillamine between 01/10/2022 to 01/10/2023?	Section 12 exemption as detailed below
How many of these penicillamine drug allergies were recorded as anaphylaxis?	Section 12 exemption as detailed below
How many allergies have been added to patient records in the system for the drug class penicillins between 01/10/2022 to 01/10/2023?	Section 12 exemption as detailed below
Do you have any mitigations in place to prevent users adding penicillamine drug allergies to patient records in error?	No
Do you report electronic prescribing system incidents to any governing bodies outside of your Trust? (e.g MHRA Yellow Card)	N/A

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 these questions is not held centrally, but may be recorded in health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health 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 health 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*

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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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