



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-006

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3rd April 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding systems

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 have attached a spread sheet with a request for some information from the Trust.**

A1 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 lines 98/154/165 is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual 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*

Under section 16 of the FOI Act we are required to provide requestors with advice and assistance where possible. We would therefore like to advise you that if your request is shortened to just the questions that we are able to comply within the 18 hour time frame. In order to avoid delay to your response refer to the spread sheet that you supplied

Diagnostic hysteroscopy – line 98 on attached

**Q18 Diagnostic endoscopic examination of uterus**

Q18.1 Diagnostic endoscopic examination of uterus and biopsy of lesion of uterus

Q18.8 Other specified

Q18.9 Unspecified

*Includes: Hysteroscopy NEC*

## Therapeutic Hysteroscopy

### **Q17 Therapeutic endoscopic operations on uterus**

Q17.1 Endoscopic resection of lesion of uterus

*Includes: Endoscopic resection of uterus*

Q17.2 Endoscopic cauterisation of lesion of uterus

*Includes: Endoscopic cauterisation of uterus*

Q17.3 Endoscopic cryotherapy to lesion of uterus

*Includes: Endoscopic cryotherapy of uterus*

Q17.4 Endoscopic destruction of lesion of uterus NEC

*Includes: Endoscopic destruction of uterus NEC*

Q17.5 Endoscopic metroplasty

Q17.6 Endoscopic microwave ablation of endometrium

Q17.7 Endoscopic balloon ablation of endometrium

Q17.8 Other specified

Q17.9 Unspecified

Code for insertion of Intrauterine device OPCS

### **Q12 Intrauterine contraceptive device**

Q12.1 Introduction of intrauterine contraceptive device

ICD Presence of intrauterine contraceptive device ICD-10

### **Z97.5 Presence of (intrauterine) contraceptive device**

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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).

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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