



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-117

Date: 20th May 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 17th May 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Coroners' Prevention of Future Deaths Report

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 Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am requesting data relating to coroners' Prevention of Future Deaths reports (PFDs or Reg 28 letters) received by the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust. Can I please request the following:

The total number of PFDs where the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust was a listed addressee from inception (July 2013) until April 2024 (or the most recent available data), broken down as annual counts for each calendar year (e.g. for 2013 the number of reports from Jul to Dec; for 2014 the number of reports from January to December).

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the public website at the following link, which has a search facility.

[Reports to Prevent Future Deaths - Courts and Tribunals Judiciary](#)

Q2 The total number of PFDs where the University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust was copied for information in as an 'interested person' from inception (July 2013) until April 2024 (or the most recent available data), broken down as annual counts for each calendar year (e.g. for 2013 the number of reports from Jul to Dec; for 2014 the number of reports from January to December).

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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.

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Yours,



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