



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-347

Date: 30th November 2022

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 22nd September 2022(received into our office 23rd September) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding clinical negligence claims in the maternity sector.

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 Please provide me with an annual breakdown of the total number successful clinical negligence claims made against the Trust in the maternity sector and the total value of the damages paid out in the maternity sector, broken down at a site-level.

I am specifically requesting the information at a site-level, not at the Trust-level. That means the data you provide should be broken down by individual sites - e.g. separate data for a hospital the trust manages, as well as a midwife-led unit.

Please indicate if a site is a midwife-led unit i.e. freestanding from a hospital.

Please provide this data for the latest five years for which it is available.

The data could be provided to me in the format of two tables, one for total number of claims and a second for the total value of damages. Each row would represent a site, and each column would be a year.

A1 Refer to the attached spread sheet, note: some of the data provided relates to legacy claims for Hospitals that no longer exist.
Please note that the (Freestanding Midwifery Unit) FMBU was suspended in 2020, and that no claims occurred at a freestanding midwifery unit in the claims listed

*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.

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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