



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-333

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Date: 30th October 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 10th September 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding research into - respiratory.

On the same day we contacted you via email as under section 8(1) of the FOI Act, requestors are required to provide a full name in order to make a request valid. The Information Commissioner states that a "title and/or first name with surname satisfies the requirement for provision of a real name, as does the use by a female applicant of her maiden name". Therefore, in order to proceed with your request can you please supply us with a valid name?

On 18th September 2019 you contacted us via email with your name.

On the same day we replied to you via email as the document you supplied was concerning respiratory conditions and not oncology as requested, therefore could you confirm if the attached document was correct.

You replied via email the same day with the following:

"Apologies, there was a typo in the covering email – the template is correct"

You responded via email with a request for further clarification:

A - Total number of patients with BPD / CLD diagnosis – **is this the number of patients diagnosed with BPD/CLD during the time periods selected who have been treated with Synagis or is it the total number of patients diagnosed with BPD/CLD during the time period and the total number treated with Synagis?**

B - Total number of patients with CHD diagnosis – **is this the number of patients diagnosed with CHD during the time periods selected who have been treated with Synagis or is it the total number of patients diagnosed with CHD during the time period and the total number treated with Synagis**

C - Total number of <29wga (without BPD/CHD diagnosis) – **please can you explain what <29wga is as there is no key under the table that explains this.**

D - Total number of multiple births immunised (without BPD/CHD diagnosis) – **is this the number of multiple births (e.g twins/triplets) who have been immunised? Is this any type of immunisation or a specific immunisation. Also the question states patient who do not have BPD/CHD diagnosis – therefore they would not be treated with Synagis as they do not have the conditions so this question does not make sense to us**

E – Other patients (please specify) – **is this any patient (not BPD, CLD or CHD) who was treated with Synagis?**

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 To the Freedom of Information Officer

We are conducting a piece of research into respiratory treatments. Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 we would like to request the information contained in the attached document.

Please see template attached for your completion.

For the avoidance of doubt, we do not require any information that may identify individual patients, clinicians or pharmacists or that may otherwise be categorised as personal data.

A1 We are unable to provide some of the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers.

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

Please refer to the attached document that you supplied.

*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.

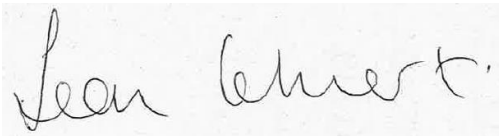
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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 676474.

Yours,



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