



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-512

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Date: 14th January 2022

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11th January 2022 (received into our office 12th January) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding population

On 12th January 2022 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on what population you were referring to.

On 12th January 2022 (received into our office 13th January 2022) you replied via email:
'We mean how many patients does that Trust look after (total not ophthalmology) just to give a steer for the overarching size and budget of the Trust.'

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 I wonder if it would also be possible for you to confirm the population size.

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding population, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link: <https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/> then click on *{'who we are and what we do'}*

*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.

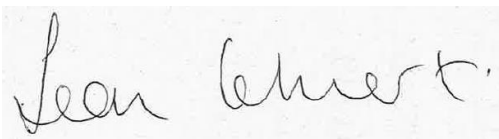
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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



Jean Lehnert
Data, Security & Protection Manager