



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-153

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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

Dear sir/madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3rd June 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding EPRR Exercise dates.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request the following information. This information relates to the NHS England Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response Framework in general and subsection 10.4, “Cycle of preparedness, Exercising”, in particular. Please note that the information requested are only dates of exercises and a test. I am not requesting any other details of the exercises and test themselves, nor any information that would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention of crime. This information should be readily available to the Trust as part of its EPRR annual assurance process.**

**For clarity I have enumerated the information I am requesting. If you do not hold some of this information then I ask you to confirm explicitly that you do not hold it.**

**I request:**

**The date of the Trust’s own most recent communications systems exercise. I am not requesting the date of any communications systems exercise initiated by another organisation.**

A1 University Hospital North Midlands use the Confirmer system which was tested on 24th April 2024

**Q2 The date of the most recent table-top exercise.**

A2 See below:

Emergo exercise 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 – internal\*

Exercise Crow 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - external\*

\*Not specified in your question whether internal or external required

**Q3 The date of the most recent live play exercise. I am aware the NHS EPRR Framework states that if an organisation activates its plan then this replaces the need to run a live exercise “providing lessons are identified and logged and an action plan developed”. Nevertheless I request the date of the most recent live play exercise, not activation of the plan.**

A3 Live players 10th September 2015

**Q4 The date of the most recent command post exercise. I am aware the NHS EPRR Framework states that if an organisation activates its Incident Coordination Centre then this replaces the need to run command post exercise “providing lessons are identified and logged and an action plan developed”. Nevertheless I request the date of the most recent command post exercise, not activation of the ICC.**

A4 Information not held.

**Q5 The date of the most recent Incident Coordination Centre equipment test.**

A5 See below:

Radios charged weekly

Mobile phones charged and calls take place from and to monthly

All pcs used within Incident Coordination Centre

\*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

***UHNM NHS Trust is a public sector body and governed by EU law. FOI requestors should note that any new Trust requirements over the EU threshold will be subject to these regulations and will be advertised for open competition accordingly.***

Where the Trust owns the copyright in information provided, you may re-use the information in line with the conditions set out in the Open Government Licence v3 which is available at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>. Where information was created by third parties, you should contact them directly for permission to re-use the information.

An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust’s disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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).

Yours,

**Rachel Montinaro**  
Data Security and Protection Manager - Records