



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-537

Date: 2nd February 2022

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 25th January 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding eating disorder.

The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.

We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.

The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS.

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 am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding adult eating disorder waiting lists, for a story in the Daily Express.

I am looking for information about waiting times for adult eating disorder treatment.

As such, I would appreciate answers to the following questions:

1. What is the target waiting time for adults who are urgently referred to the Trust's eating disorder services to start treatment?

A1 The Trust doesn't have an eating disorder service so none of the questions enclosed are relevant to us. The following links may be able to assist you.

MPFT - <https://eatingdisorders.mpft.nhs.uk/>

North staffs combined also offer the service <https://www.combined.nhs.uk/our-services/adult-community/specialist-eating-disorder-service/>

Q2 What is the target waiting time for adults who are routinely (i.e non-urgently) referred to the Trust's eating disorder services to start treatment?

A2 As answer 1

Q3 How many adults were urgently referred to the Trust's eating disorder services in 2021?

A3 As answer 1

Q4 How many adults were routinely (i.e. non-urgently) referred to the Trust's eating disorder services in 2021?

A4 As answer 1

Q5 What was the average waiting time to start treatment for adults urgently referred to the Trust's eating disorder services in 2021?

A5 As answer 1

Q6 What was the average waiting time to start treatment for adults routinely (i.e non-urgently) referred to the Trust's eating disorder services in 2021?

A6 As answer 1

Q7 How many adults urgently referred to the Trust's eating disorder services are currently waiting to start treatment?

A7 As answer 1

Q8 How many adults routinely (i.e. non-urgently) referred to the Trust's eating disorder services are currently waiting to start treatment?

A8 As answer 1

*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.

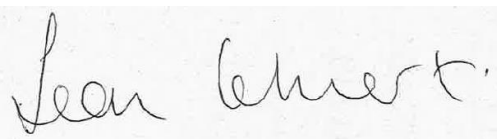
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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