



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-273

Date: 31st July 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 24th July 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Ammonia Blood Testing

On 25th July 2024 we contacted you via email with the following:

Please confirm whether Q1 is for ALL patients or just the ones presenting with metabolic disorders (IMDs)

On the same day you replied via email confirming that Q1 was for ALL patients

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 This freedom of information request is being sent to request the following information for each month of 2022 and 2023 for The Royal Stoke University Hospital:

The number of people presenting to the hospital.

A1 See below:

Year	AE	Inpatients	Outpatients	Total
2022	163,180	215,087	870,406	1,248,673
2023	163,560	236,679	871,580	1,271,819

Q2 The number of ammonia tests requested for adults (A&E Department).

A2 See below:

Month	Number of ammonia requests			
	Adult A and E	Adults non-A and E	Paeds A and E	Paeds Non A and E
2022 - 1	0	3	0	2
2022 - 2	2	4	0	0
2022 - 3	1	5	2	1

2022 - 4	1	2	0	2
2022 - 5	0	3	0	2
2022 - 6	0	5	0	1
2022 - 7	0	4	0	3
2022 - 8	0	3	0	0
2022 - 9	0	8	0	3
2022 - 10	0	1	0	0
2022 - 11	0	14	0	7
2022 - 12	2	24	0	6
2023 - 1	0	6	0	3
2023 - 2	0	2	0	2
2023 - 3	2	1	0	3
2023-4	0	4	0	2
2023-5	0	3	0	4
2023-6	0	4	0	2
2023-7	0	6	0	1
2023-8	0	2	0	1
2023-9	1	10	0	1
2023-10	0	5	0	1
2023-11	2	5	0	1
2023-12	2	4	0	2

Q3 The number of ammonia tests requested for paediatrics (A&E Department).

A3 See below:

Month	Number of ammonia requests			
	Adult A and E	Adults non-A and E	Paeds A and E	Paeds Non A and E
2022 - 1	0	3	0	2
2022 - 2	2	4	0	0
2022 - 3	1	5	2	1
2022 - 4	1	2	0	2
2022 - 5	0	3	0	2
2022 - 6	0	5	0	1
2022 - 7	0	4	0	3
2022 - 8	0	3	0	0
2022 - 9	0	8	0	3
2022 - 10	0	1	0	0
2022 -	0	14	0	7

11				
2022 - 12	2	24	0	6
2023 - 1	0	6	0	3
2023 - 2	0	2	0	2
2023 - 3	2	1	0	3
2023-4	0	4	0	2
2023-5	0	3	0	4
2023-6	0	4	0	2
2023-7	0	6	0	1
2023-8	0	2	0	1
2023-9	1	10	0	1
2023-10	0	5	0	1
2023-11	2	5	0	1
2023-12	2	4	0	2

Q4 The number of ammonia tests requested for adults (Wards apart from A&E Department).

A4 See below:

Month	Number of ammonia requests			
	Adult A and E	Adults non-A and E	Paeds A and E	Paeds Non A and E
2022 - 1	0	3	0	2
2022 - 2	2	4	0	0
2022 - 3	1	5	2	1
2022 - 4	1	2	0	2
2022 - 5	0	3	0	2
2022 - 6	0	5	0	1
2022 - 7	0	4	0	3
2022 - 8	0	3	0	0
2022 - 9	0	8	0	3
2022 - 10	0	1	0	0
2022 - 11	0	14	0	7
2022 - 12	2	24	0	6
2023 - 1	0	6	0	3
2023 - 2	0	2	0	2
2023 - 3	2	1	0	3
2023-4	0	4	0	2
2023-5	0	3	0	4
2023-6	0	4	0	2

2023-7	0	6	0	1
2023-8	0	2	0	1
2023-9	1	10	0	1
2023-10	0	5	0	1
2023-11	2	5	0	1
2023-12	2	4	0	2

Q5 The number of ammonia tests requested for paediatrics (Wards apart from A&E Department)

A5 See below:

Month	Number of ammonia requests			
	Adult A and E	Adults non-A and E	Paeds A and E	Paeds Non A and E
2022 - 1	0	3	0	2
2022 - 2	2	4	0	0
2022 - 3	1	5	2	1
2022 - 4	1	2	0	2
2022 - 5	0	3	0	2
2022 - 6	0	5	0	1
2022 - 7	0	4	0	3
2022 - 8	0	3	0	0
2022 - 9	0	8	0	3
2022 - 10	0	1	0	0
2022 - 11	0	14	0	7
2022 - 12	2	24	0	6
2023 - 1	0	6	0	3
2023 - 2	0	2	0	2
2023 - 3	2	1	0	3
2023-4	0	4	0	2
2023-5	0	3	0	4
2023-6	0	4	0	2
2023-7	0	6	0	1
2023-8	0	2	0	1
2023-9	1	10	0	1
2023-10	0	5	0	1
2023-11	2	5	0	1
2023-12	2	4	0	2

Q6 The number of ammonia tests rejected from the laboratory.

A6 Information not held

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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.

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Yours,



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