



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-518

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Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 17th January 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Major Haemorrhaging.

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 (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 Following the publication of the NICE Pathway ‘Major haemorrhaging in Hospital’ in May 2021, I am writing to enquire if University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust has protocols in place for the management of:**
- 1. Major haemorrhage**
 - 2. The rapid identification of patients taking anticoagulants**
 - 3. The reversal of anticoagulation agents.**

If such protocols are available, please could I request a copy?

A1 Refer to the attachments for Questions 1 & 3

In answer to Q2 – rapid identification of patients taking anticoagulants relies upon the quality of the history taking and recognition of the medicine names as being significant to the clinical situation if significant blood loss is taking place. If patients are known to the organisation then it is possible to access previous electronic discharge letters if available. Likewise some patients may have granted us access to their shared case records.

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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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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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