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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 30th May 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Pressure Injury.

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 Medical Device Related Pressure Injury

1. How many adult (≥18 years) patients had a medical device related pressure injury reported in 2019, 2020 and 2021? Expressed as percentage of patient admissions, or number of events or [expressed in an alternative data format which you have available.]

- a) Related to any type of medical device**
- b) Related to a Nasogastric (NG) or Nasojejunostomy (NJ) tube**
- c) Related to urinary catheter.**



A1 Our systems do not record the information requested to the level of detail required. However, we can advise that insofar as IV, NG and NJ devices are concerned, the Trust reported 163 incidents of this kind over the 3 year period requested.

Q2 Medical Adhesive -Related Skin Injury

1. a) How many adult patients (≥18 years) had a medical adhesive-related skin injury reported in 2019, 2020 and 2021? Expressed as percentage of patient admissions, or number of events or [expressed in any alternative data format which you have available. b) What type of injuries were reported? Please stratify response by injury type with number of injuries and percentage [as a function of all medical adhesive-related skin injuries.]

A2 Information not held

Q3 Device Related Delays in Delivery of Medication/Enteral Feeding

How many events or patients had prescribed medication (drugs?) or prescribed enteral feeding delayed (2 hours or more) or omitted (not given) due to intravenous (IV) catheter dislodgement (no IV access in -situ or nasogastric (NG) or nasojejunal (NJ) tube dislodgement (no NG/NJ tube in- situ? Please report this for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Expressed as percentage of patient admissions, or number of events or [expressed in any alternative data format which you have available.]

A3 This information is not collated in a reportable format and would require review of individual patient records- Section 12 exemption as detailed below:

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in this question is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all individual health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all individual health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for. In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

Under section 16 of the FOI Act we are required to provide requestors with advice and assistance where possible. We would therefore like to advise you that your request is shortened to just the questions that we are able to comply within the 18 hour time frame.

Q4 Device/patient related harm

a) How many adult patients (≥18 years) were reported to have been harmed or potentially harmed (near miss) due to patient tampering with their intravenous (IV) lines in 2019, 2020 and 2021? Expressed as percentage of patient admissions or percentage of IV lines placed or number of events or [expressed in any alternative data format which you have available.]

b) What type of patient harms were reported with the IV line tampering? Please stratify response by harm type with number of injuries and percentage [as a function of all reported events of IV line tampering].

A4 Information not held

*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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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.

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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