



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-504

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 30th October 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Pressure Ulcer Statistics

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 would like to submit an FOI to collect the following Data:**

**1. The total number of patients cared for during 12 months between 01/10/2022 and 01/10/2023:**

- **Emergency**
- **Day Case**
- **Elective**
- **Other**
- **Total**

A1 See below:

Service Type	Grand Total
Day case	106114
Elective	15165
Non Elective	147069
Other	3572
Grand Total	271920

**Q2 Number of inpatients that developed bed sores, pressure sores or pressure ulcers for the twelve months between: 01/10/2022 and 01/10/2023.**

A2 See below:

Between 1/10/2022 and 31/09/2023 approximately 3914 patients visiting the Royal Stoke or County Hospitals inclusive have been reported as having one or more pressure ulcers.

This number includes pressure damage identified on admission as well as pressure damage developing while the patient was under the care of UHNM.

Some of these patients may not have been admitted as 'inpatients', as the reporting system does not differentiate.

Some patients will have been counted twice, where their hospital number has been typed incorrectly on the incident report.

**Q3 Total number of pressure sore incidents by grade, not number of patients, as some patients may develop more than one pressure ulcers between: 01/10/2022 and 01/10/2023**

- **Grade 1**
- **Grade 2**
- **Grade 3**
- **Grade 4**

A3 The numbers of pressure ulcer incidents reported as identified between 1/10/2022 and 31/09/2023 are shown below, where at least one ulcer was reported as Category 1-4. Incidents categorised as Unstageable or Deep Tissue Injury only are not included in the numbers above.

Category 1: 882  
 Category 2: 3045  
 Category 3: 523  
 Category 4: 163

Incident reports may include multiple ulcers of different Categories – in this case, they have been counted under the most severe category.

Numbers include incidents of pressure damage identified on admission as well as pressure damage developing while the patient was under the care of UHNM.

Some ulcers will be counted multiple times in the numbers above, e.g. if a patient is re-admitted and the ulcer has not healed.

**Q4 The proportion of these pressure sores that were new, and had therefore occurred since.**

A4 The percentages below show the proportion of incidents of pressure damage reported as developing under the care of UHNM. They relate to the numbers supplied in answer 3 above.

Category 1: 24%  
 Category 2: 13%  
 Category 3: 11%  
 Category 4: 2%  
 Overall: 15%

**Q5 The number of patients admitted from residential or nursing homes with pressure sores.**

A5 This isn't recorded on Careflow, It may be held in patients notes:- 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 health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all 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 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*

**Q6 The number of death certificates in this period on which pressure sores were mentioned.**

A6 This isn't recorded on Careflow, we only record the date and time of the persons death. It may be held in patients notes:- 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 death records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all death 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 death 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*

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Yours,



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