



**University Hospitals
of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-522

Royal Stoke University Hospital
Quality, Safety and Compliance Department
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Date: 11th February 2020

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 6th February 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Guidelines for managing drug dependent patients.

You emailed the following:

"I am writing in relation to a FOI request that I sent, reference 522-1920, and was wondering when I could expect a response?"

We responded by stating that on 27th November 2019 you originally requested this information, UHNM responded on 5th December 2019 informing you that our pharmacy department had responded independently from the FOI process and that we were closing your request as 'answered'.

You replied via email on 6th February 2020 with the following:

"I have searched my emails, and cannot see any email response from the pharmacy department for the guidelines, which is why I chased this up. Would they be able to send the email again then?"

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 request information on what your guidelines are on managing and treating drug or opiate dependent patients in an acute setting. We would usually request this information under the Freedom of Information Act, however this information is already in the public domain, for example, NHS Worcestershire <http://www.hacw.nhs.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alld=8519> . Would we be able to obtain a copy of your most recent guidelines on this?

A1 Please see attached document.

*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.

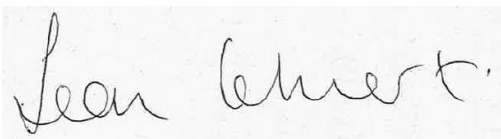
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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 676474.

Yours,



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Information Governance Manager