

Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-398

Royal Stoke University Hospital
Quality, Safety and Compliance Department
Newcastle Road
Stoke-on-Trent
Staffordshire
ST4 6QG

Date: 14th October 2019

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 8th October 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding hip and knee joint replacements.

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required clarification on the correct Trust you wanted information from.

You replied via email the following:

"Thank you for your email. We request the information asked for in the request from University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM)".

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 Please provide a list of:

- (a) Hip**
- (b) Knee replacements recorded under the consultant-led referral-to-treatment category Trauma and Orthopaedics that were delivered in the following timeframes from referral to treatment for University Hospital of North Staffordshire NHS Trust by month from April 2018 to March 2019.**

- **18 weeks or less (i.e. greater than 0 weeks and less than or equal to 18 weeks)**
- **Between 18 and 26 weeks (i.e. greater than 18 weeks and less than or equal to 26 weeks)**
- **Between 26 and 52 weeks (i.e. greater than 26 weeks and less than or equal to 52 weeks)**
- **More than 52 weeks (i.e. greater than 52 weeks)**
- **Total**

A1 UHNM has reviewed your request but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-data-2019-20/>

*Please note RTT and Waiting Times reporting is nationally provided at Specialty level and not per individual procedure.

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

UHNM NHS Trust is a public sector body and governed by EU law. FOI requestors should note that any new Trust requirements over the EU threshold will be subject to these regulations and will be advertised for open competition accordingly.

Where the Trust owns the copyright in information provided, you may re-use the information in line with the conditions set out in the Open Government Licence v3 which is available at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>. Where information was created by third parties, you should contact them directly for permission to re-use the information.

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.

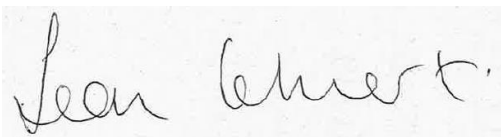
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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

Yours,



Jean Lehnert
Information Governance Manager