



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-293

Date: 11th October 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 31st August 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding guidelines

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 see Freedom of Information request below:
Can you please provide me with the following documents?**
1. Your Guideline/Treatment Pathway for the pharmacological management of Atrial Fibrillation

A1 UHNM considers this to be commercially sensitive information and has not been disclosed here as we consider that under section 43(2) of the FOI Act: *prejudice to the commercial interests of any party, is engaged*. Disclosure of this information could be commercially detrimental to the Trust.

Q2 Your Guideline/Treatment Pathway for the pharmacological management of Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)

A2 As answer 1

Q3 Your Guideline/Treatment Pathway for the pharmacological management of Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

A3 Information not held, note: There is no standard pharmacological treatment for CKD. We have guidelines for pharmacological treatments for sequelae of CKD like anaemia (Iron & ESA therapy), for pain management in CKD, for haemodialysis prescription, PD peritonitis, vaccination, immunosuppression in transplantation, etc.

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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.

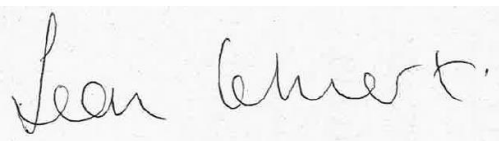
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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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