



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-313

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Upper and Lower GI Procedures. (This request previous acknowledged reference number 315-1920)

On the same day we contacted you via email as UHNM had received several requests that are asking for similar information that we believe are from the same person/company, therefore as we have received no response, we are contacting you to inform you that under section 12 of the FOI Act we were aggregating these requests on Upper and Lower GI Procedures and external supplier or party to deliver Endoscopy and/or Gastroenterology services/activity. (Ref 313-1920 acknowledged 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019)

The section 12 exemption states:

The authority can combine related requests received within a period of 60 consecutive days from:

- The same person or
- People who appear to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign.

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 Has the Trust performed Upper and Lower GI Procedures for Endoscopy within the time period noted in the table below?**

PERIOD	YES	NO
October 2018 – March 2019		

A1 Please see below:

PERIOD	YES	NO
October 2018 – March 2019	x	

**Q2 Please could you kindly mention the number of Upper and Lower GI Endoscopy Procedures; as per the table format below?**

Number of Upper and Lower GI Procedures performed					
Oct-2018	Nov-2018	Dec-2018	Jan-2019	Feb-2019	March-2019

Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower

A2 Please see below:

Number of Upper and Lower GI Procedures performed											
Oct-2018		Nov-2018		Dec-2018		Jan-2019		Feb-2019		March-2019	
Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower
1135	1114	948	1079	799	784	1054	1048	945	956	1008	1117

\*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.

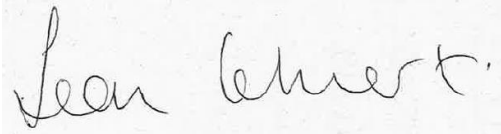
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert  
**Information Governance Manager**