



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-544

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 28th January 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding drug usage.

**The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.**

**We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.**

**The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS.**

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 am researching the use of iron therapy in anaemia, in particular to understand the medical conditions and surgical procedures for which iron treatments are being used. I would greatly appreciate it if you could answer the following 3 questions:**

**How many patients have been treated in the last 6 months (for any disease) with the following products?**

- **Feracru (ferric maltol capsules)**
- **Ferinject (ferric carboxymaltose injection/infusion)**
- **Monofer (ferric derisomaltose injection)**
- **Cosmofer (iron dextran injection)**
- **Venofer (iron sucrose injection)**
- **Any of the above 5 products**

A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5

*This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed*

· Feraccru (ferric maltol capsules)	<5
· Ferinject (ferric carboxymaltose injection/infusion)	54
· Monofer (ferric derisomaltose injection)	473
· Cosmofer (iron dextran injection)	0
· Venofer (iron sucrose injection)	0
· Any of the above 5 products	0

Q2 For the patients treated in the last 6 months with any of products listed in Q1, how many patients were diagnosed (at any point in the last 12 months) with the following:

- **Chronic Kidney Disease (ICD10 code – N.18)**
- **Heart Failure (ICD10 code – I.50)**
- **Inflammatory Bowel Disease (ICD10 codes – K.50 to K.52)**
- **Malignant neoplasms (ICD10 codes C.00 to c.96)**
- **Post-Partum Haemorrhage (ICD10 code O.72)**

A2 See below:

· Chronic Kidney Disease (ICD10 code – N.18)	131
· Heart Failure (ICD10 code – I.50)	110
· Inflammatory Bowel Disease (ICD10 codes – K.50 to K.52)	49
· Malignant neoplasms (ICD10 codes C.00 to c.96)	100
· Post-Partum Haemorrhage (ICD10 code O.72)	7

Q3 For the patients treated in the last 6 months with any of products listed in Q1, how many patients undertook the following elective surgeries at any point in the last 12 months:

- **Primary Hip Replacement (OPCS codes W371, W381 and W941)**
- **Hysterectomy (OPCS codes Q074 and Q075)**
- **Colorectal Resection (OPCS codes H071, H0712, H073, H074, H333 and H336)**
- **Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (OPCS code K453)**
- **Cardiac Valve Surgery (OPCS codes K262 and K255)**

A3 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI

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• Hysterectomy (OPCS codes Q074 and Q075)	0
• Colorectal Resection (OPCS codes H071, H0712, H073, H074, H333 and H336)	<5
• Coronary Artery Bypass Graft (OPCS code K453)	<5
• Cardiac Valve Surgery (OPCS codes K262 and K255)	6

\*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.

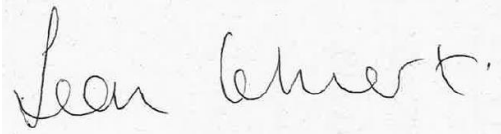
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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 671612.

Yours,

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

Jean Lehnert  
**Data, Security & Protection Manager**