



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-361

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 8th September 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding informed consent for doctors.

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 In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you disclose any policies and/or guidance and/or any other documentation you hold relating to training in informed consent for doctors working at your hospital. In particular, we are interested in any policies/guidance/documentation which address the following:**

**1. Whether training in informed consent is mandatory for doctors working within your hospital.**

A1 Consent training is mandatory for all doctors.

**Q2 Who provides/funds training in informed consent for doctors working at your hospital.**

A2 Training is provided internally via a locally produced eLearning course. There are no specific funds for this.

**Q3 What a doctor must do to fulfil any training requirements relating to informed consent.**

A3 Pass the quiz at the end of the eLearning.

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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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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,



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