



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-584

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 4th December 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding PIDMADS

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 would like to request the following information to be released, if held, with regards to the Patient Initiated Digital Mutual Aid System (PIDMAS).**

**The number of patients who had been on a waiting list for treatment with the Trust for 40 weeks or more, as of 31 October 2023.**

A1 12,742

**Q2 The number of patients contacted by the Trust to tell them of their eligibility to choose a different provider or health trust through PIDMAS, as of 1 December 2023.**

A2 4,597 – the remaining patients were either aged under 18, had an appointment or TCI booked in the 8 weeks following the invitations to PIDMAS being sent, or they had been referred to UHNM as a tertiary referral – as per PIDMAS guidelines.

**Q3 The number of patients who have been referred to another provider or health Trust, through PIDMAS, as of 1 December 2023.**

A3 Zero

\*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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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:

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Yours,



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