



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-634

Date: 6th January 2025

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 11th December 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) pressure ulcers

On the same day we contacted you via email with the following.

To continue with your request we require clarification on the following:

Q1. what do you mean by “cared for”, Is this all inpatients, outpatients and ED attendances?

Q4. – as above

On the same day you replied via email with,
‘Thank you for your prompt response.

1. *By this I mean all patients including inpatients, outpatients, day case, and ED (if possible segregated but if not then no worries)*

4. *same as above*

Q1 I am a student paramedic at Keele university and am partaking in a service improvement project surrounding the topic of pressure ulcers and was wondering if I could have some statistics from UHNM. If you could provide the following for me, it would be much appreciated.

Number of patients cared for between 1/12/2023 – 1/12/2024 at UHNM

A1 The following answer is based on the above clarification and is a total figure for both sites (Royal Stoke and County)

Total ED Attendance	317,303
Total Inpatient	473,801
Total Outpatients	1,703,229

Q2 Number of patients that developed a pressure ulcer/pressure sore/bed sores/pressure injury between 1/12/2023 – 1/12/2024 and separated into grade 1/2/3/4/DTI/uncategorised (if possible)

A2 The below data includes all patients who have had the pressure sore clinical coding applied to their inpatients stay records.

Count of PAS_ID Row Labels	Hospital Acquired		
	No	Yes	Grand Total
L89.0 Stage I decubitus ulcer and pressure area	225	31	256
L89.1 Stage II decubitus ulcer	1380	232	1612
L89.2 Stage III decubitus ulcer	503	78	581
L89.3 Stage IV decubitus ulcer	270	24	294
L89.9 Decubitus ulcer and pressure area, unspecified	856	104	960
Grand Total	3234	469	3703

Q3 Of the patients from Q2 how many had these prior to admission

A3 We do not record on the admission record in Careflow any previous conditions the patient may have already had prior to their admission.

However, we do apply clinical coding to state if the pressure sore is hospital acquired.

There are 3234 patients who do not have the hospital acquired clinical coding applied to their records, therefore the assumption is these patients had pressure sores prior to their admission.

Q4 How many patients between 1/12/2023 – 1/12/2024 were admitted to UHNM via ambulance

A4 We only record on Careflow patients who attended via ambulance through ED.

Therefore, the below information is just for patients who attended ED and their mode of transport was via an ambulance.

The total ambulance arrivals = 108,032.

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Yours,



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