



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-186

Date: 17th July 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 13th June 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Functional Neurological Disorder Diagnoses

As of 1st 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 writing to make a formal request for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding collaborative working (including joint working) projects with pharmaceutical and related companies that your organisation is involved in.

For clarity, by “collaborative” I mean projects/initiatives where by you are working with one or more pharmaceutical companies to deliver enhanced patient care or are for the benefit of patients or alternatively benefit the NHS and, as a minimum, maintain patient care. By “Joint working” I mean projects/initiatives involving working between one or more pharmaceutical company and healthcare organisation(s), which is patient-centred and always benefits patients.

For each collaborative/joint working project entered into from April 2019 to today please detail:

- Name of project/initiative
- Date entered into the project/initiative
- Name of the pharmaceutical company/companies
- Name of the NHS organisations involved
- The aims/goals used to justify the project
- Resources planned to be utilized in the projections, or assessments conducted by your organisations on the outcomes or impact of these joint working projects
- When the project/initiative is planned to be complete

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the following link: <https://clinicaltrials.gov/>

Refer to the attached spreadsheet for studies

*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.

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.

Yours,





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