



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-269

Date: 20th August 2021

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 16th August 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Covid-19

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in questions 3-7 is not held centrally, but may be recorded in individual health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for. In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

Under section 16 of the FOI Act we are required to provide requestors with advice and assistance where possible. We would therefore like to advise you that if your request is shortened to just the questions that we are able to comply within the 18 hour time frame. In order to avoid delay to your response we have provided this below.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 The information I am seeking is in respect of the University Hospital of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) which comprises The Royal Stoke University Hospital / RSUH (formerly North Staffordshire NHS Trust) and County Hospital (formerly Stafford District General Hospital)

I am making the request to better understand the impact of the COVID pandemic on our local health economy.

Specifically I am looking at information from 2016 to present.

The information I am seeking is:

1) Please can you provide me with the admission numbers (total numbers) into both the Royal Stoke University Hospital and County Hospital for the past 5 years, 2016-2020, and the current year so far?

A1 See below:

Site Group	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
County	32955	36363	42610	44968	33494	23336	213726
Royal Stoke	176307	175774	189303	199166	150499	101673	992722
Grand Total	209262	212137	231913	244134	183993	125009	1206448

Q2 Please could you provide me with the recorded number of deaths of any cause for both RSUH (formerly North Staffordshire Hospital Trust) and for County Hospital (formerly Stafford District General Hospital) for the past 5 years, 2016-2020, and the current year so far?

A2 See below:

Site Group	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
County	388	471	456	456	488	250	2509
Royal Stoke	2727	2720	2880	2715	3019	1602	15663
Grand Total	3115	3191	3336	3171	3507	1852	18172

Q3 Of those who were admitted to either RSUH or to County Hospital for the year 2020 and so far this year, and who died of any cause how many were unvaccinated?

A3 Section 12 exemption as detailed above, note, vaccination did not start in the UK until December 2020

Q4 Of those who were admitted to either RSUH or to County Hospital for the year 2020 and so far this year, and who died of any cause how many had received one or more vaccinations?

A4 Section 12 exemption as detailed above, note, vaccination did not start in the UK until December 2020

Q5 Further to question 4 above do you have any data that outlines which of the approved vaccination modalities by percentage were received by those who died of any cause?

A5 As answer 3

Q6 Of those that died at RSUH and at County Hospital for the year 2020, and so far this year, how many deaths had Covid-19 or SARS-CoV-2 listed as a cause of death.

A6 Section 12 exemption as detailed above

Q7 In the context of question 6 for the year 2020 and so far this year, what as a percentage of total recorded deaths are attributable to Covid-19 / SARS-CoV-2 (i.e had Covid-19 or SARS-CoV-2 listed as a cause of death on death certificates)

A7 As answer 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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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.

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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