



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-103

Date: 7th June 2022

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 29th May 2022 (received into our office 30th May) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding ethnic minority categories.

The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.

We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.

The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS.

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 I am writing to you today with a Freedom of Information request asking Within the ethnic minority categories used within your organisation to collate information on patient ethnicity, are Gypsy, Roma, Traveller included as three separate ethnic minority groups?

A1 We use the National recognised codes only which doesn't include Gypsy, Roma or Traveller

Q2 Do you collate health trends related to Gypsy, Roma, Traveller health and illness?

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Q3 Please can you send me the list of ethnic groups used by your organisation when collating ethnicity information about patients?

I am requesting this as part of a research study conducted by Bournemouth University (Ethics ID 41256) exploring whether Gypsy, Roma, Travellers are included as three distinct ethnic minority groups within health services in the UK. I plan to collate this for all Health Care providers across the UK and plan to publish the results from the study in a peer-reviewed journal.

A3 As a Trust we use the nationally recognised categories; there are no specific codes to identify Gypsy, Roma or Traveller:

Code	Description
A	White - British
B	White - Irish
C	White - Any other White background
D	Mixed - White and Black Caribbean
E	Mixed - White and Black African
F	Mixed - White and Asian
G	Mixed - Any other mixed background
H	Asian or Asian British - Indian
J	Asian or Asian British - Pakistani
K	Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi
L	Asian or Asian British - Any other Asian background
M	Black or Black British - Caribbean
N	Black or Black British - African
P	Black or Black British - Any other Black background
R	Other Ethnic Groups - Chinese
S	Other Ethnic Groups - Any other ethnic group
Z	Not stated

*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.

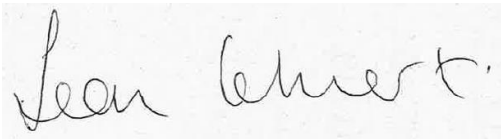
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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,



Jean Lehnert
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