



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-437

Date: 20th December 2021

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 1st December 2021 (received into our office 2nd December) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Covid19 vaccine.

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 would like to make a Freedom of Information (FOI) request for the following data please.

How many NHS staff currently working at your Trust remain unvaccinated (no dose or only single dose) with a Covid19 vaccine? Including bank/agency workers.

What percentage of your overall staff does this equate to?

A1 Vaccination data is confidential patient information, held as part of a patient record.

Q2 Since the start of the pandemic (01/03/20), with your data from staff absence due to Covid19, contact tracing and Healthcare acquired infection (HCAI), what percentage of HCAI is directly attributable to Covid19 infection in an NHS frontline worker?

Since the vaccination programme has started (Approx Dec 2020), what is the breakdown of this being from a covid 19 vaccinated NHS worker or unvaccinated/single dose vaccine NHS worker?

A2 Information not held

Q3 If not directly attributable, what is the rate of your patients in non Covid19 wards/area getting a HCAI and becoming infected with Covid19 within a set time frame (~10days) of an NHS worker in that ward/area testing positive for Covid 19? And what is the breakdown of this being a Covid19 vaccinated NHS worker or non-vaccinated/single vaccine dose NHS worker?

A3 Section 12 exemption as detailed below:

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 this question 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 individual 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 individual 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*

*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.

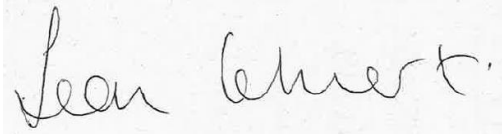
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert
Data, Security & Protection Manager