



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-461

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Date: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (received into our office 19<sup>th</sup> January) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Covid-19.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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've been redirected here, I would like to request under the freedom of information act the total number of deaths from Covid alone with no underlying illness from March 2020 till Dec 2020**

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding Covid 19, but this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*, and section 22: Information for *future publication*. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link: FOI references:

- 418-2021 December 2020/21
- 422-2021 December 2020/21
- 429-2021 January 2020/21
- 431-2021 January 2020/21
- 428-2021 January 2020/21

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

Note: that the above FOI will be released onto the Trust disclosure log by close of February 2021, also note that UHM has been answering Covid-19 FOI requests since March 2020 and you may find other FOI's on this subject.

\*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.

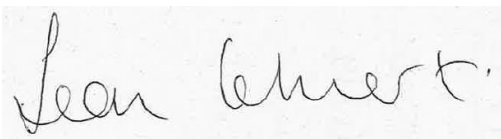
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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