

Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-061

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Date: 3rd April 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 30th April 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding autopsies.

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 For each of the years 2017 and 2018 please may you provide me with-

1. The total number of adult (aged 17 and above) deaths within your Trust (on Trust sites) between 1st January and 31st December of each year.

A1 Please see below: Adult deaths recorded as discharge destination of deceased

	County	Stoke
2017	437	2723
2018	429	2928

Q2 The number of Hospital (consent) autopsies carried out on adult (aged 17 and above) deaths which occurred between 1st January and 31st December of each year.

A2 Please see below: please note: Consent' Labelled autopsies performed at Royal Stoke. Stoke / South Staffs relates to area body issued from and not indicative of where patient came from or where autopsy was performed. We assist with South Staffordshire autopsies

	South Staffs	Stoke
2017	69	692
2018	78	556

*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.

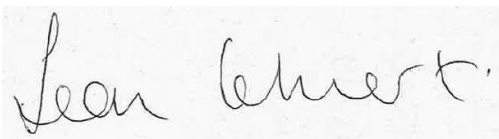
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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 676474.

Yours,



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