



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-188

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Date: 10th July 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 3rd July 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Kawasaki Disease.

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 Kawasaki Disease affects a growing number of children and young people in the UK. It is the leading cause of acquired heart disease in children. No national records exist of patient numbers and this FOI seeks to establish essential data for this patient population.

For your Trust, please provide, per calendar year for the period January 2006 to December 2018 inclusive, the following information for each admission of Kawasaki Disease - ICD10 diagnosis (primary or secondary) of M303 Mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome:

- **Year of each admission**
- **Month of each admission**
- **Patient gender**
- **Patient ethnicity**
- **Age of patient at diagnosis**
- **First four items of patient postcode (partial postcode which is non-identifiable)**

A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the age of patient at diagnosis: - please refer to the attached spread sheet.

*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.

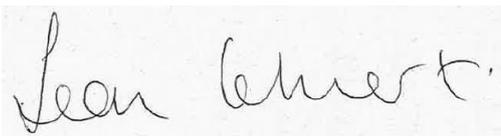
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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