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of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 16th August 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding collaboration's with immigration enforcement.

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 This request refers to a time period of the second quarter of 2018, or the months April, May and June of 2018.

Please work downward through the following requests until the limits are reached:

- 1. Documents describing procedures for collaboration with immigration enforcement, specifically including policy concerning to but not limited to the following:**
 - a. Responses to requests for patient information by immigration enforcement. If this is covered by general policy concerning information shared with law enforcement, please provide this in addition.**
 - b. Information routinely shared with immigration enforcement (as differentiated from information shared with the home office in general for the purposes of charging for secondary care). For example, this might include a policy of reporting suspicious patients or patients who do not have uk citizenship or indefinite leave to remain. If this is covered by general policy concerning information shared with law enforcement, please provide this in addition.**
 - c. Policy surrounding the presence of immigration enforcement officers on hospital grounds. If this is covered by general policy covering the presence of law enforcement officers, please provide this in addition.**

A1 Information not held

Q2 The number of incidences of patient information being shared with immigration enforcement, and the number that occurred within the time period specified above. If the cost of a time-unlimited search is likely to exceed the limits imposed by the act, please limit it to incidents since 2016, and if that is likely to exceed the cost limits, solely provide the incidents in the time period above. Please also provide, if known(both for the period specified above and in total):



- . The number of these incidents in which the patient was in primary care.
- a. The number of incidents where this information resulted in an arrest.
- b. The number of incidents where this information resulted in a deportation.
- c. The number of incidents where this information resulted in proceedings to deport, but where the deportation has not been completed. (or, if numbers of deportations are not known, total numbers of proceedings initiated)
- d. The number of known incidents involving the presence of immigration enforcement officers on hospital grounds for the purposes of immigration enforcement (so excluding, for example, officers receiving medical treatment).

A2 As answer 1

Q3 Any and all written communication with immigration enforcement, and any notes, transcripts, minutes or summaries of meetings or conversations with immigration enforcement offices, redacted as appropriate.

It is worth noting that this request differentiates between the home office in general and immigration enforcement (a law enforcement command within the home office), and does not relate to interactions your Trust has with the home office relating to, for example, charging for secondary care, unless immigration enforcement becomes subsequently involved.

Please feel free to redact information as necessary to protect pii. If you have concerns about small numbers of patients or incidents becoming personally identifiable, please provide these numbers of the form "0 incidents", "more than 0 but less than 3 incidents", and provide the number of incidents where there are more than 3.

Please note that immigration enforcement nor healthcare is generally a national security issue, and unless there are specific risks to national security relating to a specific incident that means documents cannot be disclosed under section 24, we will appeal refusals to provide documentation to the information commissioner's office and through the courts if necessary.

A3 As answer 1

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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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