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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 24th October 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding brain tumour patients.

On the same day we contacted you via email as that we had already received this request from your company, asking for information for UHNM University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM), however UHNM manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford).

Please could you look into this with your colleague and advise us if you require us to complete this request twice? The previous reference number is 424-1819.

You replied via email the following:

“Please process the second request. The second request highlights and details our request more clearly so that you know what information to find”.

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 submit a Freedom of Information request for the following;
How many brain tumour patients received an “Integrated Subspecialist Multidisciplinary Neuro-oncology Service” at Royal Stoke University Hospital?**
- i) Between 1st January – 31st December 2016?**
 - ii) Between 1st January 2017 – 31st December 2017?**

**“Integrated Subspecialist Multidisciplinary Neuro-oncology Service” definition:
The Integrated Subspecialist Multidisciplinary Neuro-oncology Service establishes a pathway of care in which all patients are discussed pre-operatively, except in rare emergencies, in an MDT meeting and then directs patients into the surgical neuro-oncology service. It requires surgeons performing this service to manage brain tumour patients for more than 50% of their time.**

A1 Please see below:

- Between 1st January – 31st December 2016 there were 103 primary Grade 3 or 4 brain cancers diagnosed on the UHNM system
- Between 1st January – 31st December 2017 there were 92 primary Grade 3 or 4 brain cancers diagnosed on the UHNM system

*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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