



Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/19-448

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 25th October 2018 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Opel 4.

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because some of the information requested in question 2 is not held centrally, but may be recorded in local records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all local records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all local records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for.

Under section 16 of the FOI Act we are required to provide requestors with advice and assistance where possible. We would therefore like to advise you that if your request is shortened to just questions 1 and partial 2 we are able to comply within the 18 hour time frame. In order to avoid delay to your response we have provided this below.

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 How many days has your Trust been on Opel 4 (formerly Black Alert) in the last 12 months (September 2017 – September 2018)? Can you please state the dates you were on Opel 4?

A1 Please see below:

05.10.2017	1 day
07.10.2017	1 day
11.10.2017	1 day
29.10.2017	1 day
13.11.2017	1 day
17.11.2017	1 day
20.11.2017 – 24.11.2017	5 days
29.11.2017	1 day

03.12.2017 – 05.12.2017	3 days
07.12.2017	1 day
11.12.2017 – 20.12.2017	10 days
27.12.2017 – 31.12.2017	5 days
01.01.2018 – 05.01.2018	5 days
08.01.2018 – 19.01.2018	12 days
23.01.2018 – 25.01.2018	3 days
28.01.2018 – 06.02.2018	10 days
06.03.2018 – 06.03.2018	1 day
09.03.2018 – 13.03.2018	5 days
06.05.2018 – 07.05.2018	2 days

Q2 What was the longest period your Trust was on Opel 4 in the last five years (up to September 2018)? Can you please state the start and finish dates?

A2 Section 12 exemption as detailed above, however we are able to provide January 2016 - May 2018, please see below.

04.01.2016 – 05.01.2016	2 days
09.01.2016	1 day
11.01.2016	1 day
09.02.2016	1 day
29.02.2016	1 day
08.03.2016	1 day
14.03.2016 – 15.03.2016	2 days
21.03.2016 – 22.03.2016	2 days
29.03.2016	1 day
15.04.2016 – 16.04.2016	2 days
10.05.2016	1 day
22.09.2016	1 day
16.10.2016	1 day
15.11.2016 – 17.11.2016	3 days
21.11.2016 – 22.11.2016	2 days
08.12.2016 – 10.12.2016	3 days
17.12.2016 – 18.12.2016	2 days
01.01.2017 – 05.01.2017	5 days
10.01.2017 – 10.01.2017	1 day
05.10.2017	1 day
07.10.2017	1 day
11.10.2017	1 day
29.10.2017	1 day
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*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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