

Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/19-743

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 6th March 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding breath test and our response to FOI ref 696-1819.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 FOI ref 696-1819 = Thank you very much for your detailed response. I understand the reason given for being unable to supply all of the information I requested on 16/02/2019. However, I would subsequently like to refine my FOI question to the following, which should not be exempt under section 12.

Regarding the 23 males aged 30-39 that received a breath test according to your spreadsheet, please confirm for each of those males listed:

(1) Why the patient was referred for the breath test

A1 Please see below:

- 2 x to rule out any form of IBD or bacterial overgrowth
- 3 x to test for lactose intolerance
- 18 x to exclude intestinal bacterial overgrowth

Q2 Whether the breath test was undertaken to test for lactose intolerance, SIBO, or both combined

A2 Please see below:

- 20 x SIBO
- 3 x lactose intolerance

Q3 The results of the breath test, for example positive for lactose intolerance, SIBO, or both

A3 Please see below:

- 16 x negative
- 6 x positive
- 1 x unable to complete

Q4 Whether or not the patient was referred to the gastro service via the patient's GP

A4 Please see below:

- 22 x yes
- 1 x no, private patient transfer

Q5 Whether or not the patient had a previous diagnosis of IBS

A5 Please see below

- 5 x yes
- 18 x no

*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.

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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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