



Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/19-710

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Date: 13th March 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 21st February 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding weapon enabled assault / assault resulting in a wound.

On 26th February 2019 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on what you meant by assault.

On 27th February 2019 you replied via email the following:

"Thank you for your response. We are specifically looking for data related to knife assaults."

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 patients in your Trust aged 11-25 attended either an Emergency Department or other urgent care setting for a weapon enabled assault / assault resulting in a wound between:

1 January 2018 and the 31 December 2018

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 numbers as being less than 5.

*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.

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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,



Leah Carlisle
Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance