



Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/19-740

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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 Burns patients.

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in question 2 is not held in the format you requested, as UHNM does not use the coding system you detailed (see clarification below). 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.

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 we are able to comply within the 18 hour time frame if we supply the data in the format that we use at UHNM. In order to avoid delay to your response we have provided this below.

On 7th March 2019 we contacted you via email as at UHNM we do not use the AE diagnosis coding anymore. This has been superseded by SNOMED AE coding. If you required us to collate this then please can you provide the SNOMED AE coding.

On 8th March 2019 you replied via email with the following
"Can I just clarify that you mean you use SNOMED CT coding for A&E patients, and ICD10 coding for inpatients?"

On the same day we email you advising you to liaise with your coding department.

You replied via email with the following:

"For the A&E patients then, can I please request the number of all the child (and all further sub-group of child) codes that fall within SCTID 125666000 (Burn Disorder), which itself sits within Parent 282745002 (Injury by Mechanism), that arrived in A&E within the calendar year 2018

If it can be pivoted in Excel with parent then child(ren) as rows, and age grouped by 5 (range=0 to max) as columns that would be great"

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 request some data on the number of patients treated at the Royal Stoke University Hospital site during calendar year 2018 please. It is a two-part request:

1. The number of patients that attended the Emergency Department with any of the diagnosis codes in the attached spreadsheet, 'ED' tab

A1 Please refer to the attached spread sheet. Please note as per our clarification, UHNM does not use the AE diagnosis coding. The FOI Act covers information held by the Trust, and we are not obliged to create new information in order to answer an FOI request, however we ran the data using the SNOMED CT coding and the attached reflects this.

Q2 The number of patients that had an inpatient spell with any of the ICD10 diagnosis codes in the attached spreadsheet, "INPATIENT" tab

Can I request that their ages are grouped into five-year bands as shown within the attached and the appropriate columns populated with a count

A2 Please refer to the attached spread sheet. The FOI Act covers information held by the Trust, and we are not obliged to create new information in order to answer an FOI request, therefore we have amended the spreadsheet you supplied to reflect how we collate data.

In order to supply information as requested in your spread sheet, a Section 12 exemption applies as detailed above.

*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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