



**University Hospitals
of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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Date: 1st October 2019

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 7th September 2019 (received in to our office 9th September) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding the waiting list.

On 9th September 2019 we contacted you as we required the following clarification:
What waiting list it is that you are interested in, is it GP referral to an outpatient appointment or a GP referral to a diagnostic test or GP referral to Treatment/Procedure? Is this for any specific waiting list or just an overall Trust number?

On the same day you replied via email with the following:
"All across the board if possible"

We replied with:

UHNM is really sorry, but this doesn't answer our query, is this an overall total or are you looking for 3 separate totals as per our request for clarification.

You replied via email with the following:
"3 separate totals please sorry for any inconvenience"

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 Can you tell me the longest and average waiting list in weeks from a GP referral and how many people are on the list? I understand this will be a snapshot so the data as logged on the day requested will suffice.

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds some of the information regarding longest and average waiting list in weeks, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via NHS England's public website at the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/rtt-data-2019-20/>

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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.

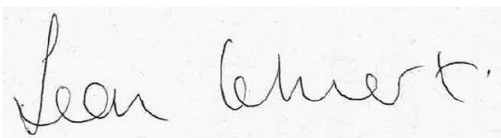
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



Jean Lehnert
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