

Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-689

Date: 12th March 2025

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email 10th January 2025 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding acute kidney injury

Q1 I am writing on behalf of the [REDACTED] and Improvement workstream to submit a formal Freedom of Information (FOI) request. As part of our ongoing work to better understand the delivery and effectiveness of Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) services across healthcare organisations, we are seeking information on the current AKI services and practices within your organisation.

We would appreciate it if the requested information could be provided in a timely manner, ideally within the 20 working days outlined in the Freedom of Information Act. If any of the requested information is exempt from disclosure, we would be grateful if you could inform us of the specific exemption under the FOI Act and provide any available summary or non-exempt data.

Please could you answer the following questions about acute kidney injury (AKI) care.

Does your Trust have an AKI lead? (Yes/No)

A1 Yes, we have a consultant AKI clinical lead.

Q2 Do you use an AKI bundle for patient care within your Trust? (Yes/ No)
- If so what care bundle do you use?

A2 Yes, STOP AKI, based on the previous London AKI Network care bundle/ manual (2012).

Q3 Are you a paperless Trust? (Yes/No)

A3 No

Q4 What electronic system do you use for electronic noting?

A4 Internally Developed system

- Q5 Is your electronic noting system used for all healthcare professions within the organisation? (Yes/No)**
- A5 No. Some areas use the electronic noting system Internally Developed system and other inpatient areas document using paper notes, for example the renal inpatient ward.
- Q6 Do you have AKI nurses within your Trust? (Yes/No)**
-If so- how many? Are they clinical nurse specialists, advanced practitioners, or another role title?
-Does their role banding meet national standards (Qualified Advanced Clinical Practitioners 8a, Trainee Advanced Clinical Practitioners- band 7, Lead Clinical Nurse Specialists – band 7, Clinical Nurse Specialist- band 6)? (Yes/No)
- A6 Yes. The Trust has two AKI nurses. One band 7 Lead Clinical Nurse Specialist and one band 6 Clinical Nurse Specialist.
- Q7 Does your Trust have a renal unit? (Yes/No)**
- A7 Yes, the Trust does have a renal unit.
- Q8 How many adult inpatient beds does your Trust have?**
- A8 Across both Royal Stoke and County Hospitals the Trust has 1,327 Adult General and Acute beds including escalation and 28 beds inpatient beds on a renal ward.

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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 relating to the response please 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.

Yours,



Leah Carlisle
Head of Data, Security & Protection and Health Records
Data Protection Officer

Appendix

On 13th January 2025 we contacted you via email with the following.
I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 10th January 2025 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding AKI services

Please name a dedicated person for this request to avoid unnecessary chases.

Under section 8(1) of the FOI Act, requestors are required to provide a full name in order to make a request valid. The Information Commissioner states that a "title and/or first name with surname satisfies the requirement for provision of a real name, as does the use by a female applicant of her maiden name". Therefore, in order to proceed with your request can you please supply us with a valid name.

We also asked for clarification on Q3 what are you meaning by 'paperless'?

On 15th January 2025 you emailed with your full name, however we replied that we still required clarification on Q3

You later replied via email with,
'Paperless here is defined as inpatient records being recorded electronically only'