



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-028

Date: 18th May 2020

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 6th May 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding medical equipment inventory

On our acknowledgment we added the following statement:

The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.

We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.

The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS.

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 am researching a benchmark for the amount of medical equipment required by each hospital ward. As such I have designed the attached survey to show me how much of each type of medical equipment is in use in a particular ward type. It is my hope to be able to use this to inform the ideal equipment ratio per bed for each type of ward and then compare this with my own hospital to determine whether or not we are over or under equipped.**
- I am not interested in being able to identify any medical equipment and require only numbers of particular equipment types. It is likely that terminology may be differ so please interpret these are broad headings that encapsulate most of the equipment within the particular ward type.**
- I do not require information from other areas of your hospital, just in the ward types that I have listed. I have made a spreadsheet for you to complete with the information to return if that makes the reporting easier.**

What I would like is a total inventory count of the amount of each Equipment Type you have for all of your wards in the following categories:

- General Medical Ward
- General Surgical Ward
- Paediatric Ward

Please do not include any other areas such as Critical Care, Theatres, SCBU. Please record the number of total number of beds in each Ward Category.

	Ward Category		
	Surgical Wards	Medical Wards	Paediatric Wards (not Neonatal)
Enter the total inventory count of devices for each Equipment Type in the Ward Category			
Number of Beds			
Point of Care Monitor (eg Dinamap) <i>Measures at least NIBP and SPO2</i>			
Thermometer <i>Measures at least Temperature in C</i>			
Physiological Monitor <i>Displays at least ECG, Respiration, NIBP and SAO2</i>			
Volumetric Infusion Pump <i>Mains operated eg Alaris GP</i>			
Syringe Pump <i>Mains operated eg Alaris CC</i>			
Falls Alarm <i>Any stand-alone device monitoring for patient falls</i>			
Patient Scales <i>Any stand-alone device capable of weighing a patient</i>			
Patient Hoist <i>General lifting hoist eg Arjo Maximize</i>			
Defibrillator <i>Any device capable of defibrillating a patient including AEDs</i>			

The Equipment Types I have chosen are as follows:

- Point of care monitor – Stand-alone Point of Care Monitoring used for spot checking such as GE Dinamap (minimum specification Pulse Oximetry, NIBP)
- Temperature type devices – Stand-alone thermometer use at the point of care such as Genuis 3,
- Physiological monitor – Stand-alone ward monitoring which includes ECG, Respiration, Pulse Oximetry, NIBP, [IBP]) including any telemetric monitoring reporting to a local central station.
- Infusion Pump– Stand-alone volumetric infusion pump of any kind that plugs into a mains power supply such as Carefusion GP
- Syringe Pump– Stand-alone syringe pump of any kind that plugs into the mains power supply such as Carefusion CC

- Falls Alarm type device – any stand-alone falls alarm which does not form part of another piece of equipment such as a bed.
- Patient Scales – any stand-alone device that is capable of weighing a patient at Class III or better, that is not part of another piece of equipment such as a bed or a hoist
- Patient Hoist – any hoist capable of lifting a patient from a bed. Please do not include standing or bath hoists.
- Defibrillator – any device capable of defibrillating a patient, including AEDs.

A1 Please refer to the below and attached document, please note we are unable to split this information further and this is for the Trust as a whole.

UHNM does not have the number of beds available as described in the way of the FOI questions. Information is the core beds we had in the middle of March - see below. We don't have any further details post covid-19.

Note, we don't split it between Medicine/Surgery (e.g. Trauma and Orthopaedics will be specialised).

Royal Stoke

	2019/20
	March
MedicineAcute	461
SpecialisedAcute	304
SurgeryAcute	220
CwDAcute	40
Total Core Acute	1,025
EscalationAcute	
Total All Acute	1,025
CwDMaternity	84
CwDPaeds	61
	145
SpecialisedCC	16
SurgeryCC	50
CWDCC	34
	100
Total Core	1,270
Total Escalation	-
Total	1,270

CC stands for critical care

CWD - Children's, Women's Division

Within the CWDCC, 28 of these are NICU (Neonatal Intensive Care Unit)

County

Medicine	147
Specialised	29
Surgery	16
Total	192

*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.

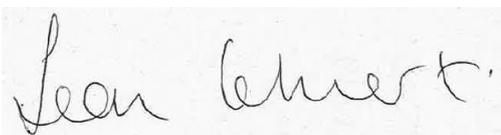
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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 671612.

Yours,





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