

Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-339

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Date: 19th September 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 13th September 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding number of Linacs.

On the same day you sent in another request regarding how many days in the last 2 years to date of request (or for which data is available) has each Linac at your Trust been fully operational. We contacted you via email informing you that under section 12 of the FOI Act we would be aggregating your two requests

The section 12 exemption states:

The authority can combine related requests received within a period of 60 consecutive days from:

- The same person or
- People who appear to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign.

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 This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000
The number of Linacs at your Trust that are capable of providing Stereotactic Ablative Radiotherapy (SABR) for lung cancer and/or oligometastatic disease**

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Q2 How many days in the last 2 years to date of request (or for which data is available) has each Linac at your Trust been fully operational.

A2 Please see below:

- Linac 1 = 654 days this machine was removed from clinical service in July 2019 and is currently being replaced.
- Linac 2 = 553 days this machine was removed from service in January 2019. A new replacement machine went clinical in June 2019.
- Linac 3 = 724 days
- Linac 4 = 717 days

Q3 The amount spent by the Trust on Linac repairs and maintenance in the same period.

A3 £543,336 (4 linacs over 2 years)

*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.

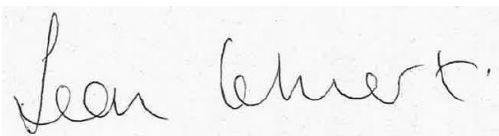
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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



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