

Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-374

Date: 11th December 2020

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 1st December 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding prescribing information.

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required a timeframe in order to collate the information.

On 7th December 2020 you replied via email with the following:
"We are looking for current prescribing data, the number of patients that are currently being prescribed the below medications as up to date as possible."

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 writing to request the following information regarding the following prescribing information and Blueteq forms.

Number of patients prescribed evolocumab and the indication (familial hypercholesterolaemia, primary non-familial hyperlipidaemia, mixed dyslipidaemia)

A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5.

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

- familial hypercholesterolemia = <5 current patients
- primary hypercholesterolaemia and mixed dyslipidaemia = 5 current patients

Q2 Number of patients prescribed alirocumab and the indication (familial hypercholesterolaemia, primary non-familial hyperlipidaemia, mixed dyslipidaemia)

A2 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this

aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5.

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

- Combined hyperlipidaemia = <5 current patients
- familial hypercholesterolaemia = <5 current patients
- Hypercholesterolaemia = 5 current patients
- Primary hypercholesterolaemia and mixed dyslipidaemia = 19 current patients

Q3 A copy of your blueteq form if available.

A3 UHNM does not own the copy write of this document therefore we are unable to provide.

This documentation is held by the commissioners. You may wish to approach the Clinical Commissioning Groups to see if they hold further information. They can be contacted as follows

North Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group
Email: foi.northstaffordshireccg@lancashirecsu.nhs.uk

Stoke-on-Trent Clinical Commission Group
Email: foi.StokeonTrentCCG@lancashirecsu.nhs.uk

*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.

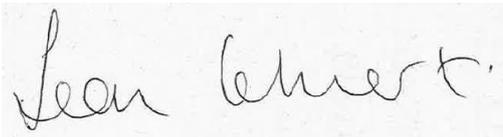
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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