



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-411

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Email [foi@uhn.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhn.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding risk assessment.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 My wife who works at UHNM parks her car on the Lyme Valley public car parks when working late or night shifts at UHNM.**

**She currently doesn't feel safe doing so alone and calls me on the phone to chaperone her remotely however I believe this would be an ineffective deterrent.**

**Are there any risk assessments for lone females travelling to and from the premises, especially at night, that have been undertaken you can provide under FOI?**

A1 The Trust does have a Lone worker Policy (HS21) that contains risk assessment templates to be completed by line manager and staff member. The policy also contains advice on personal safety whilst travelling related to work.

Communications regarding personal safety are also published periodically; the last one was published on the Trust Intranet on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Furthermore the Trust also offers an escort to vehicle service for cars parked on Trust sites; this is detailed in Policy EF13.

Please refer to the attached Policies.

\*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.

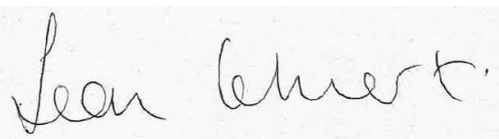
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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**Data, Security & Protection Manager**