



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-396

Date: 26th January 2021

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 13th December 2020 (sent to our communications team and received into our office 14th December) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding covid-19.

On our acknowledgment dated 14th December we advised you to use the FOI email address to ensure prompt responses and that the FOI Act allows 20 working days to complete requests.

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 trying to gather the information regarding actual deaths with the Trust due to Covid 19 for the period from February to November 2020.

Were the deaths solely from Covid 19 or did they have pre-existing conditions?

You have a duty to deny or confirm this data under the freedom of information act 2000. Please respond to this request within 14 days.

A1 For the period of March 2020 until end of November 2020 there was a total number 697 deaths where due to Covid-19, all had pre-existing conditions.

*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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An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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.

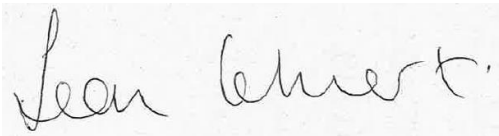
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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