

Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-001

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Date: 9th April 2021

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 1st April 2020 (received into our office 2nd April) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding number of beds.

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.

On 2nd April 2020 we contacted you via email as we required a timeframe in order to collate the information.

On the same day you replied via email with the following:

"Thank you for your reply to my FOI request. I just need the current status of bed numbers please"

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 Please could you send me some information about the number of hospital beds in your Trust, as follows?

1. How many hospital beds are there in total, in your Trust?

A1 UHNM has 1,619 beds

Q2 Of these:

2a. How many are general care beds?

- 2b. How many are acute care beds?
- 2c. How many are for mental illness?
- 2d. How many are for maternity?
- 2e. How many are day-only beds?

A2 Please see below:

2a. How many are general care beds?	At UHNM we do not differentiate between 2a and 2b, the number of general and acute beds we have as a Trust is 1,388
2b. How many are acute care beds?	See above
2c. How many are for mental illness?	0
2d. How many are for maternity?	64
2e. How many are day-only beds?	167

Q3 Which hospital has the most general care hospital beds, and how many are there at that hospital?

A3 As stated above we do not differentiate between general and acute beds. The Royal Stoke site has the most general and acute beds (1,183)

Q4 Which hospital has the most acute care beds, and how many are there at that hospital?

A4 As answer 3

The above bed numbers are correct as at 8th April 2020.

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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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