



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-590

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Date: 8th April 2021

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 23rd March 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding people employed

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 24th March 2021 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on what you meant by "seen" on Q4

On 25th March 2021 you replied via email with:
"Apologies for not making the initial request clear, hope the following makes it clearer.

By "seen", I mean; for how many patients, were they the 'responsible clinician'? This is normally recorded when the clinician assigns their name to the patient in the 'Clinician' field in Medway."

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 1) In total, how many people are employed as advanced non-medical practitioners (ANPs, ACPs etc.), in the Royal Stoke ED (Not Stafford). Please do not include those who work within the ED on behalf of other services such as frailty, stroke etc. Also please do not include non-advanced practitioners (ENPs, ECPs, PA's etc.) in these figures.

A1 Refer to answer 3

Q2 What does this equate to, in FTE terms?

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Q3 How many are employed on each agenda for change banding tier?

A3 See below: Data is as at 28/02/2021

AFC Pay Band	Headcount	FTE
Review Body Band 8 - Range A	15	13.46
Review Body Band 8 - Range B	1	1
Grand Total	16	14.46

Q4 In total, how many patients have been 'seen' by those practitioners, between the 1st March 2020, and the 1st March 2021? If this time period isn't yet available for reporting, I would be grateful to receive the most recent annual, six monthly or quarterly figures that are available.

A4 Using the information supplied by the ED department on how to identify an ANP, for the time period requested (1st March 2020 – 1st March 2021) there was identified 5629 patients that have been “seen” by an ANP.

*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

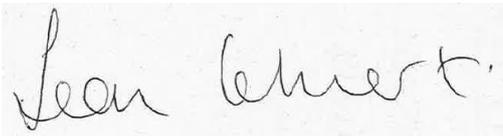
still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

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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