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Date: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (received into our office 29<sup>th</sup> March) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding dentistry

***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 the same day we contacted you via email as we require the following clarifications:  
What is the specific time period and please can you advise from what date require the information to begin and end at, also please can you confirm whether this is just about Paediatric oral surgery?

On the same day you replied via email with:

*"So the timeframe is one full year (with an end date in 2019 to eliminate the effect of Covid). Therefore it depends how you classify your data, if by calendar year, then all of 2019- if by financial year, then it will be April 2018 to April 2019 so on and so forth, you will know better.*

*The data required is for all paediatric patients receiving dental treatment under GA- this data should be held by either your paediatric dentistry department or oral surgery department so I guess you need to contact both."*

On 30<sup>th</sup> March 2021 we contacted you again as we required further clarification:

4. What is the approximate number of children seen in 1 year across all the DGA lists you deliver (end date in 2019). Does this mean treated/operated on?



Your enquiry refers to children and to paediatrics. Can we clarify what age range you wish to obtain information for please?

You replied the same day with:

*"Yes I meant treated under general anaesthetic (dental treatment such as extractions, fillings etc.). Usually the age is from 0-16, this is what defined under the umbrella of paediatric dentistry. However, some trusts have different range (some for example do to treat children younger than 2). Therefore, you will be able to advice on that"*

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 Required data will most probably be held at your local paediatric dentistry department or oral surgery department if they see paediatric patients at the end of their adult General Anaesthetic list.**

**If you run multiple lists at different locations, please provide data for all.**

A1 Refer to the attached document that you supplied

\*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

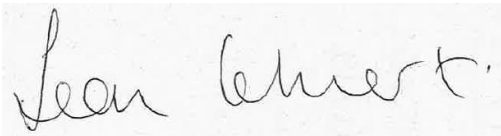
still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

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](http://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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