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Date: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021

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

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 6<sup>th</sup> April 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Royal college review

***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***

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 writing to you on behalf of the Health Service Journal (HSJ).**

**I am submitting a request for information held by the trust under the Freedom of Information Act.**

**Since January 30 2020 to today's date, have you commissioned or received a Royal College invited review? Please give details of date commissioned/received, the royal college involved and the service under review.**

**Where you have received a report, please attach it along with any action plan you have developed.**

**We would draw your attention to the framework drawn up by the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges under which invited reviews are carried out.**



[Invited reviews 210116.pdf \(aomrc.org.uk\)](#)

Page 21 of this stresses the need for openness and transparency when an invited review is in response to concerns about the quality of patient care.

Please detail how you have complied with this eg by pointing us to the required summary in your board papers or on your website.

A1 No Royal College Reviews have been commissioned or received since the date specified

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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.

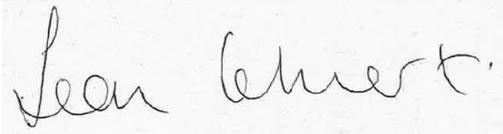
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert  
**Data, Security & Protection Manager**