



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-267

Date: 28th August 2022

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 15th August 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding PrEP medication.

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 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 provide information on

(a) The longest,

(b) The shortest

(c) The average length of time in days patients have had to wait for an appointment to be prescribed PrEP medication in each year since 2017

Year/Min (waiting time in days)/Max (waiting time in days)/Average (waiting time in days)

2018 10< 190* 61

2019 10< 390* 97

2020 10< 300* 87

2021 10< 245* 71

2022 90* 260* 115

***Please note that these figures have been provided within a range +/-10 in order to mask the date specific to individual patients. This level of detail is considered exempt under Section 38(1)(b) of FOI(S)A – personal information.**

A1 Information not held by UHNM, Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust may hold this, they can be contacted at the following email address.

foi@mpft.nhs.uk

Q2 Please provide information on (a) how many people are currently waiting on an appointment for PrEP prescription and (b) how many people within your health board are able to prescribe PrEP.

There are 194 patients on the current PrEP waiting list.

Of these patients:

157 are still awaiting an appointment.

37 are booked in for an appointment in the upcoming weeks.

I would like this data to be presented in an excel spread sheet.

A2 (a) Information not held by UHNM, Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust may hold this, they can be contacted at the following email address.

foi@mpft.nhs.uk

(b) Any licensed Doctor can prescribe PrEP; however, as we don't provide this service please contact: foi@mpft.nhs.uk

*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.

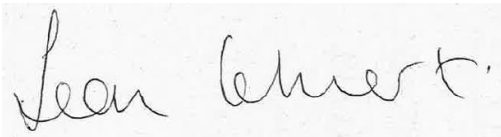
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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



Jean Lehnert
Data, Security & Protection Manager