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Date: 2nd March 2022

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 22nd February 2022 (sent to PALS) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding our response on cancer referrals- as below:

You stated the following:

'My below email is not identical to my original request. I am asking for the data 'in relation to your trust,' which is what I have clarified below.

Please could you respond with the urological referrals data for the mentioned years from University Hospitals of North Midlands?

Please see my revised FOI request below:

In relation to your Trust:

- 1. Please can you provide the most recent data available that details the total number of urological cancer referrals in 2021?*
- 2. Please can you provide data showing the total number of urological cancer referrals in 2020?*
- 3. Please can you provide data showing the total number of urological cancer referrals in 2019?*
- 4. Please can you provide data showing the total number of urological cancer referrals in 2018?*
- 5. Please can you provide data showing the total number of urological cancer referrals in 2017?'*

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.

Your original request- below:

Q1 I am seeking answers under the Freedom of Information Act, please see the questions below.

Please can you provide the most recent data available that details the total number of urological cancer referrals in 2021?

A1 UHNM does not hold information regarding England's cancer referrals; this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means*. This is because the information is available via the following public website at the following link:
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/cancer-waiting-times/>

Q2 Please can you provide data showing the total number of urological cancer referrals in England in 2020?

A2 As answer 1

Q3 Please can you provide data showing the total number of urological cancer referrals in England in 2019?

A3 As answer 1

Q4 Please can you provide data showing the total number of urological cancer referrals in England in 2018?

A4 As answer 1

Q5 Please can you provide data showing the total number of urological cancer referrals in England in 2017?

A5 As answer 1

Amended request

Note all of the information is available as per the link in our response to you 17th January, however:

The requested information (for UHNM urology cancer referrals) is available at the previous link we shared, we have shown the numbers below for all urology cancer 2 week wait referrals (including testicular). Not all these patients actually have cancer.

- 2021 = 3239
- 2020 = 2719
- 2019 = 3397
- 2018 = 3193
- 2017 = 2884

*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.

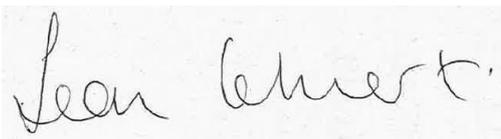
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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