



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-148

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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 20th June 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding sepsis

**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 This is a request for information from Hospital/Trust about Sepsis Management:**

**1. Which screening tools is used in your hospital to aid early recognition and treatment of sepsis?**

A1 National Early Warning Scores for both sites

**Q2 Do you have a National Early Warning Score (NEWS2) system at your Hospital for sepsis management? Yes/No**

A2 Yes

**Q3 What score would alert your hospital to consider sepsis treatment for patient?**

- A3 See below:
- 3 in a single parameter
  - OR 5 and above overall

Applies to both sites

**Q4 What is the morality rate of sepsis at your hospital for 2019, 2020 and 2021?**

A4 See below:

Fiscal Year (of discharge)	HSMR	HSMR 95% Upper CI	HSMR 95% Lower CI	Crude rate (%)
2019/20	96.73	112.47	82.7	15.78%
2020/21	87.72	104.44	73.07	17.77%
2021/22	107.49	126.48	90.71	20.06%

**Q5 Do you have sepsis information materials (booklets) for patients and their loved ones at your intensive care unit?**

Yes/ No

A5 No

**Q6 Do you have support service information for victims of sepsis? Yes or No**

A6 No

**Q7 Do you have information about sepsis on your hospital website? Yes or No**

A7 No

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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.

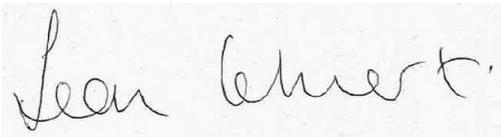
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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



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