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Date: 10th August 2022

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 21st July 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding temperature.

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 22nd July 2022 we contacted you via email as we required clarification on what you deemed as Clinical?

On the same day (received into our office 25th July) you replied via email with:
'Clinical space is any that is directly related to clinical care and/or where patients and visitors have access, receive and recover from their treatment.'

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 The number of A&E attendances on July 18, 2022 and July 19, 2022, with a primary or secondary diagnosis of:

- T67 Effects of heat and light
- L55 Sunburn



A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <10

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

For the period of 18th & 19th July there were <10 ED **attendances** who have the ICD10 clinical coding of T67 & L55 applied to their ED record.

- 18th – <5 Attendances
- 19th – 5 Attendances

Q2 The number of finished admission episodes on July 18, 2022 and July 19, 2022, with a primary or secondary diagnosis of:

- **T67 Effects of heat and light**
- **L55 Sunburn**

A2 Unfortunately we are not able to answer this FOI for the time frame requested as this question is reliant on clinical coding. The process of applying clinical coding can only take place once the patient has been discharged and it can be many weeks after the patient has been discharged before the clinical coding is added to the inpatient record on Careflow. It is to be noted the clinical coding team have up to 2 months from the date the patient was discharged to apply the clinical coding.

Q3 The number of occasions on July 18, 2022, and July 19, 2022, where an occupied ward or clinical area had a daily maximum temperature exceeded 26°C. Please include each occupied ward or clinical area having a daily maximum of over 26°C as one incident (e.g. if two wards exceeded the daily maximum temperature for two days and one clinical area exceeded the threshold for one day then the number of occasions to be reported is five).

A3 See attached spread sheet

*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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An anonymised copy of this request can be found on the Trust's disclosure log, please note that all requests can be found at the following link: <http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Statutory-Policies-and-Procedures/Pages/Freedom-of-Information-Disclosure-Log.aspx>

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.

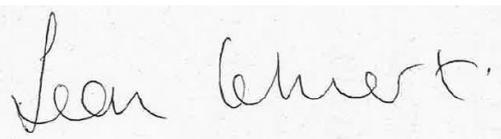
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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