



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-446

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Date: 20th December 2022

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 9th November 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding staffing incidents and pressure sores

On the same day you contacted us with the following:
'I am very sorry to tweak an FOI after submitting it, but a number of Trusts have, very kindly, already responded and said there are two separate categories for pressures sores and ulcers on their Datix systems. One is for community-acquired pressure ulcers, and the other for hospital-acquired pressure ulcers. Ideally we would like both those numbers reported separately. If that is either technically impossible or would exceed the cost limit, then please combine both.'

I have tweaked the full FOI below to reflect that and clarify a few extra points raised by Trusts.

Sorry for any confusion and thanks to the individuals who informed us about this – it is very much appreciated'

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNMS) 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 freedom of information request is being sent to all NHS hospital Trusts in the UK about two separate topics. If applicable to your Trust, we would like you to retrieve information from the Datix system (or comparable system) for incident reporting into the NHS National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS).

- 1. Please could you tell us how many incidents were logged relating to staffing issues in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to date). The category on the Datix system for this is, we understand, "staffing/inappropriate skills mix" although this may differ between Trusts. Please could you break these down by degree of harm (i.e. No harm, low, moderate, severe, death) as set out in the table below.**
- 2. Please could you tell us how many incidents were logged relating to pressure ulcers (or sores) in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to date). Please could you break these down by degree of harm (i.e. No harm, low, moderate, severe, death)**

Question 2 amended:

2. Please could you tell us how many incidents were logged relating to pressure ulcers (or sores) in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to date). It appears a number of Trusts record two different categories of pressure sores – one for community-acquired sores and the other for hospital-acquired. If possible please could you report these numbers separately? If that is not possible, then please combine both figures and make us aware of this. Please could you again break the data down by degree of harm (i.e. No harm, low, moderate, severe, death or similar).

Some Trusts record different grades of pressure ulcer. In this case please could you combine those into one overall figure?

We are aware that systems and data definitions differ between trusts. Some trusts, for example, categorise harm as negligible, minor, moderate, major, extreme. In that case please provide the degree of harm by the nearest categorisation your Trust uses.

If possible, please provide results in the form of a table like this:

STAFFING/INAPPROPRIATE SKILLS MIX (or similar)

	No harm	Low	Moderate	Severe	Death
2018					
2019					
2020					
2021					
2022 (to date)					

Amended = PRESSURE ULCERS/SORES – COMMUNITY ACQUIRED

	No harm	Low	Moderate	Severe	Death
2018					
2019					
2020					
2021					
2022 (to date)					

Amended = PRESSURE ULCERS/SORES– HOSPITAL/TRUST ACQUIRED

	No harm	Low	Moderate	Severe	Death
2018					
2019					
2020					
2021					
2022 (to date)					

A1 Staffing/inappropriate skills mix (or similar)

	No harm	Low	Moderate	Severe	Death
2018	336	67	2	0	0
2019	410	69	0	0	0
2020	234	27	1	0	0
2021	464	45	0	0	0
2022 (to date)	567	93	2	0	0

The remainder of your request: I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: information reasonably accessible by other means. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link: pages 167-168

<https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/media/7681/trust-board-open-nov-22.pdf>

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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.

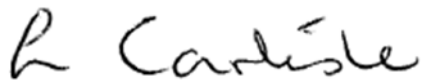
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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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