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of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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Date: 24th January 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 16th January 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding breast milk

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 the number of cases where breast milk of a new mother was given to a child who is not her own at all maternity wards in your Trust.

For clarity, I am asking you to please provide the number of instances where a child on a maternity ward was given breast milk from a person who was not their mother.

Please provide annual figures for how many times this happened at your Trust for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and so far in 2023.

A1 None for the years above therefore not applicable to UHNM

Q2 Please also give the number of times disciplinary action was taken on a member of staff over these instances. Please provide a breakdown of the outcome of any disciplinary action: How many were cautioned, suspended, terminated etc. as a direct result of the mistake.

A2 Not applicable to UHNM

*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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