



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-648

Date: 28th February 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 9th February 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding never events.

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 On the 12th January 2023 NHS England published the number of never events at each Trust occurring between 01 April 2022 – 30 November 2022.

University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust was shown to have 3 never events. Can you please provide the type and description of each of the never events at University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust between 01 April 2022 – 30 November 2022.

For example “Wrong site surgery - Incision to wrist rather than finger”. To clarify we are not asking for specifics of the incidents.

Please can you also confirm if the data is given under the Open Government License or the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015?

A1 See below: (lifted from Datix)

- Incident ID *****: Retained foreign object post procedure - Missing needle/swab/instrument – missing swab
- Incident ID *****: Wrong site surgery – patient incorrectly identified – no patient details on the ID band
- Incident ID *****: Misplaced naso- or oro-gastric tubes - Misplaced naso- or oro-gastric tubes - xray found the NG was not in the stomach

*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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