



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-003

Date: 3rd May 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3rd April 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding cancer policy

On the same day we contacted you via email as we required clarification on Q3, is this regarding the whole Trust or just cancer patients?

On the same day you replied via email with:

'On point iii - all patients please.'

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 I would like a statement on your Trust's policy - or the details of the policy - regarding oncology treatment for inpatients in your Trust's hospital.

To clarify,

i) if a patient residing in one of the Trust's hospitals was diagnosed or had previously been diagnosed with cancer, would they be able to receive treatment when they were an inpatient.

A1 Yes, if clinically appropriate to do so

Q2 If not, does the Trust have a policy of patients receiving treatment for cancer only when they are an outpatient - and does this depend on which kind of treatment they receive?

A2 Not applicable

Q3 In addition, could you please confirm the average time it takes from the decision that a patient is medically fit to be discharged until they are discharged.

A3 Information not held, as each patient will be different

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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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