



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-177

Date: 7th July 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 20th June 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding rectal foreign bodies

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) 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 to request the following information:

1. The number of operations your Trust has done to remove rectal foreign bodies from Patients in the years:

- 2022
- 2023 (to June 1)

A1 Using the below clinical coding as supplied by the Clinical coding Team:-

H44.1 Manual removal of foreign body from rectum
H27.2 Endoscopic removal of foreign body from sigmoid colon using rigid sigmoidoscope

There are:-

2022 = 9 procedures
2023 = 0 procedures

Q2 A list of the foreign bodies you have removed in this time period.

A2 Careflow does not record the foreign object removed

Q3 Guidelines as to what happens to these foreign bodies once they have been removed, or any list of the ways in which this has been done - for instance they have been disposed of or returned to owner

A3 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this question 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: refer to your previous similar request reference 604-2122, a copy can be found at the link below

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

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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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