



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-223

Date: 13th July 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 7th July 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding persons referred to a police force

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 For the calendar years 2018 to 2023, please provide me with:
The number of persons referred to a police force by a member of staff employed by the Trust for the suspected procurement of an illegal abortion.**

I am interested in all such referrals from the NHS to the police, including (but not limited to) those where a crime was not eventually recorded or an investigation was not carried out by the police.

A1 No referrals to the police have been made by maternity services in relation to suspected procurement of illegal abortions.

Q2 For each case referred to the police, can you please list the specific legislation used to refer to the case, such as Sections 58 and 59 of the Offences Against the Person Act and the Infant Life Preservation Act 1929 or any other legislation used.

A2 Not applicable

Q3 For each case referred to the police, please could you provide a brief anonymised description of what happened; including what led staff to report the person

A3 Not applicable

*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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