



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-148

Date: 20th July 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 7th June 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding fires.

On 9th June we contacted you via email as we require clarification:

Can 'faulty fire alarms' please be defined: does this refer to 'false alarms' (i.e. fire alarm activation from a cause other than fire) or 'faulty' fire alarm and detection equipment (i.e. where devices are reported as having a fault?)

You replied via email with:

'The number of fire alarms that have been reported to not be working.'

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 How many fires have been reported at the hospital over the past twelve months?

A1 5

Q2 How many faulty fire alarms have been reported at the hospital over the past twelve months?

Please could you provide this information by email, preferably in a spreadsheet.

A2 1

*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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