



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-289

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 4th August 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding cannulas

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 Adult or Paediatric cannulation procedures (Peripheral Cannula passed) were done in your Trust in the past financial year? This can be estimated figure (from number of cannulas purchased) or actual if any such records are kept by the Trust

A1 Annual figure is based on cannula purchased not actual procedures – 383477 single cannula

Q2 Do you use any form of prepacked cannulation kits that provide all appropriate equipment needed? These are manufactured outside the hospital and delivered as one whole pack, or the items are purchased / used separately.

A2 Not applicable

Q3 Which type of cannula is used / preferred at your Trust or hospital? There are two types – one with safety mechanism E.g., BD or Vygon or ones without safety. The safety cannulas are designed to prevent needle stick injuries.

A3 BD venflon pro-safety cannula are standard

Q4 Does the Trust / hospital use any particular cannula more than others and if so what is the name of manufacturer(s) and breakdown of their supply e-g leading manufactures are BD, Vygon, etc

A4 As answer 3

Q5 Is there any breakdown of cannulas used by their size / gauge (e-g 22G Blue / 20G pink)?

A5 See below:
Pink 20g = 180,425

Orange 14G = 3,850
Green 18G = 60,980
Blue 22G = 129,898
Yellow 24G = 1,102
Grey 16G = 7,242

Q6 Do you use the NHS supply chain or purchase these cannulas / cannulation packs directly independent suppliers / distributors or companies within your trust? If so, please can we be provided with the supplier(s) / distributor (s) name(s) and breakdown of items purchase in last financial year

A6 NHS Supply chain

Q7 What is the total number of hospital beds you have within your Trust and its occupied capacity?

A7 See below: As per the Daily SITREP submission submitted on the 07/08/2023 to NHS Improvement

	06-Aug
RSUH	
Beds Available	1138
Beds Occupied	1038
Occupancy	91.20%
County	
Beds Available	207
Beds Occupied	161
Occupancy	77.80%
UHNM	
Beds Available	1345
Beds Occupied	1199
Occupancy	89.10%

Q8 What is the total number of annual attendance in the following departments?

- i) Accident and Emergency
- ii) Surgical Assessments Unit
- iii) Medical Day Unit / Medical Admission Units

A8 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:
<https://www.uhn.mh.nhs.uk/media/8628/annual-report-2022-23-final-for-website.pdf>

Q9 What is the annual budget for clinical waste disposal?

A9 Royal stoke £824,648
County £126, 969

Q10 Do you have any figures in weight (tons) of clinical waste disposed of by your Trust?

A10 2022/23 Royal stoke is 743.438 tonnes
2022/23 County is 106.824 tonnes

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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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