



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-372

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 12th September 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Hyper Acute Stroke Unit

NOTE, we have received this identical request three times from you, but will be responding once.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Does the Trust have, or is the Trust looking to obtain a HASU (Hyper Acute Stroke Unit) status?**

**If yes, what is the Trust's HASU status?**

A1 UHNM have already achieved HASU status

**Q2 If not, what is the Trust's timeline to gain the HASU status?**

A2 Not Applicable

**Q3 How does the Trust manage stroke litigation?**

A3 All litigation (including stroke) is managed via the NHS Resolution process

**Q4 What were the Trust's costs for managing stroke litigation in the financial year 2022/2023?**

A4 All costs are managed by NHSR – not the individual Trust

**Q5 How does the Trust currently feed into the SSNAP (Sentinel Stroke National Audit Programme)?**

A5 A data form is completed which is then uploaded to SSNAP by a data clerk.

**Q6 What steps is the Trust taking to improve its SSNAP score?**

- A6 Continually review of SSNAP data will drive any improvements required
- Q7 Does the Trust have a ‘sophistication index’? E.g. A sophistication index shows the Trust’s ability to approve and implement projects**
- A7 No

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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](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Yours,



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