



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-543

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Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 17th November 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding pathology services

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 made a Freedom of Information Request to East Cheshire NHS Trust. As you can see from their response below, they have indicated that University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust hold the data requested (presumably because you conduct their blood tests) and that I should redirect the request to you.

I'm therefore making the following information request to your Trust:

1. How many of the following tests were ordered by clinicians/staff for in-patients or out patients* being seen by East Cheshire NHS Trust maternity services during the last 12 month period for which data is available. Please specify what period is being reported on.

- a) ANA (anti-nuclear antibody) test.**
 - (b) ENA (extractable nuclear antigen) panel.**
 - (c) Full Blood Count (FBC).**
 - (d) Anti-phospholipid anti-body test(s) (for lupus anticoagulant, anticardiolipin antibody, anti-beta 2 glycoprotein or any other antiphospholipid antibodies).**
- *By "patients" I mean the women patients, not their babies.**

A1 See below:(Macclesfield DGH Maternity Services) *By "patients" I mean the women patients, not their babies.

- a) ANA (anti-nuclear antibody) test: 8**
- (b) ENA (extractable nuclear antigen) panel: 7**
- (c) Full Blood Count (FBC): 4114**
- (d) Anti-phospholipid anti-body test(s) (for lupus anticoagulant, anticardiolipin antibody, anti-beta 2 glycoprotein or any other antiphospholipid antibodies): 10**

*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.

Yours,



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