



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-563

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 27th November 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Midlines and PICCs

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 I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from University Hospitals of North Midlands. Please may you provide me with information regarding the following:

1. Whether the Trust inserts Midlines in inpatients.

A1 There are several clinical areas that place Midlines at the UHNM, there is a service that can place Midlines within the Surgical Division. The Outpatient antibiotic team (OPAT) place Midlines across a number of inpatient areas and some clinicians within the cardiology department place Midlines.

Q2 Whether the Trust inserts PICCs (Peripherally Inserted Central Catheters) in inpatients.

A2 There are several clinical areas that place PICC's at the UHNM, there is a service that can place PICC's within the Surgical Division. There is a service that places PICC's based at County Hospital to place elective PICC's for oncology patients and a limited service at the Royal Stoke site placing PICC's on inpatient oncology patient. There are a number of clinicians working within the Critical Care Unit that can place PICC's.

Q3 If either or both of the above medical devices are inserted by the Trust, which department provides this service (Anaesthetics, Interventional Radiology etc.)?

A3 The service is provided by Anaesthetics, OPAT, Surgical Nurse practitioners (SNP's), oncology nursing staff. The clinician conducting the procedure depends on the clinical area and site as outlined in the sections above.

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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.

Yours,



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