



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-599

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Date 31st January 2024

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 6th December 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Unlicensed medication

The FOI Act sets out a twenty working day timescale for requests to be completed by. We will always try to complete your request within this timeframe. We will let you know whether the Trust holds the information you have requested, and we will contact you as soon as possible if we are delayed in our response for some reason. If we require further information from you or we need you to further explain your request before we can continue to process it we will also contact you.

Please note that your request for completion by 15th December is unreasonable and the 20 day deadline is 8th January 2024, if you no longer want this information please advise and we will close this request

On 11th December 2023 we contacted you via email as in order to continue with your request we require clarification the following:

3. Endometriosis Excision = further information required
5. Endometriosis Excision = further information required
1. Emergency/Trauma procedures = further information required

On 20th December 2023 you replied via email with:

3. *Endometriosis Excision = further information required - Endometriosis Excision of the Uterus, Pelvic Peritoneum, Rectovaginal septum and vagina and Ovary.*
5. *Endometriosis Excision = further information required – Endometriosis Excision of the Uterus, Pelvic Peritoneum, Rectovaginal septum and vagina and Ovary.*
1. *Emergency/Trauma procedures = further information required - diverticulitis, Incarcerated and Strangulated Inguinal Hernias, intestinal obstruction or perforation resulting from colon cancer, and complications of arteriosclerosis (such as ruptured abdominal aortic aneurism and gangrene of extremities).*

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 As part of our company's audit, I was hoping you would be able to provide me with some detail around the number of annual procedures conducted in your trust, broken down by speciality and by procedure.

As such, can you please provide the following information:

Gynaecology

1. Number of Total Laparoscopic Hysterectomy procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023

2. Number of Total Robotic Hysterectomy procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023

3. Number of Endometriosis Excision procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023

4. Number of Laparoscopic Urogynaecology (Uterine/Vaginal Prolapse) procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023

5. Number of Endometriosis Excision procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023

6. Number of Open Myomectomy procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023

7. Number of Abdominal Hysterectomy procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023

8. Number of Open Urogynaecology (Uterine/Vaginal Prolapse) procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023

9. Number of Caesarean Section procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023

A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed. See below

1. 183
2. 151
3. Clarified - 290
4. <5
5. Same question as 3
6. 23
7. 475
8. 113
9. 2325

Q2 Colorectal/General

1. Number of Emergency/Trauma procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023

2. Number of Complex Abdominal Wall Reconstruction procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023

A2 See below:

1. Clarified – There are a vast number of procedures that could be performed for diverticulitis, colon cancer or complications of arteriosclerosis – therefore we are unable to answer without been given specific procedures.- if you wish to re-submit with the specific procedures we will look at this request again
2. there is no OPCS code for “Complex Abdominal Wall Reconstruction”

Q3 Plastics

1. **Number of Breast Augmentation procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023**
2. **Number of Abdominoplasty procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023**
3. **Number of DIEPS procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023**

A3 See below:

1. 11
2. 12
3. 13

Q4 ENT

1. **Number of Neck Dissection procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023**
2. **Number of Thyroidectomy procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023**
3. **Number of Mastoidectomy procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023**
4. **Number of Parotidectomy procedures conducted from November 2022 – October 2023**

Please provide this information by 15.12.2023

A4 See below:

1. 160
2. 114
3. 32
4. 71

*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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