



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-773

Date: 14th March 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 14th February 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding diseases.

On 19th February 2024 we contacted you via email with the following:
To continue with your request, we require clarification on are you referring to by 'reported cases? Reported by who and to whom?

On 20th February 2024 you replied via email with:
'To clarify, please could you include the number of recorded cases that have been diagnosed within the Trust by a medical professional for each disease/illness.'

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 am writing to request the following data (in Excel format) for the last ten calendar years (2013-2023) - if 10 years of data are unavailable, please send for as many years as possible:

1. The total number of reported cases for each of the following diseases within your NHS Trust, broken down by year:

Diseases/ illnesses:

Gout

Leprosy

Tuberculosis

Measles

Polio

Ricketts

Scarlet Fever

Malnutrition

Whooping Cough

Smallpox
Scurvy
Typhoid
Cholera
Syphilis
Malaria
Typhus

A1 Following receiving the clarification (***please could you include the number of recorded cases that have been diagnosed within the Trust by a medical professional for each disease/illness.***) we are unable to answer this question as we do not record on Careflow patient's medical illnesses/conditions therefore we are unable to identify patients who have been "recorded/diagnosed" (these would be classed as a co-morbidity). Section 12 exemption as detailed below:

I can neither confirm nor deny whether the information you have requested is held by the Trust in its entirety. This is because the information requested in this question is not held centrally, but may be recorded in health records. In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all health records within the Trust and extract the information where it is present. We therefore estimate that complying with your request is exempt under section 12 of the FOI Act: *cost of compliance is excessive*. The section 12 exemption applies when it is estimated a request will take in excess of 18 hours to complete. We estimate that accessing and reviewing all health records and then extracting relevant information would take longer than the 18 hours allowed for. In addition to the section 12 exemption the Trust is also applying section 14 (1) exemption: *oppressive burden on the authority*

Q2 If applicable, the total number of vaccinations administered for each of the diseases, broken down by year.

A2 As answer 1

*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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