



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-399

Date: 17th January 2022

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 9th November 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding prefilled syringes.

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 NHS Trust.

I would like to obtain specific information regarding medicines wastage, medication errors and adverse drug events within University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust. I would also like to obtain information on the uptake of prefilled syringes within an Intensive Care Unit setting, including the specific medicines used in prefilled syringes.

- 1. We are interested in receiving the following information for each year in the period from 2018 to 2021 (please include total and year-by-year breakdown):**
- a) The value of medicines wastage every year in University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust in £.**

A1 UHNM does not record this information, therefore it is not held

Q2 We are interested in receiving the following information for each year in the period from 2018 to 2021 (please include total and year-by-year breakdown):

a) The number of medicines in prefilled syringes procured for usage in the following departments within University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust:

- Intensive Care Units;**
- Accident & Emergency departments;**
- Operating rooms.**

b) The names of the specific medicines which are procured in prefilled syringes for usage in the following departments within University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust:

- Intensive Care Units;**
- Accident & Emergency departments;**
- Operating rooms.**

A2 See below:

- a) Intensive care units – 15 types of drugs in pre-filled syringes issued to intensive care units from Pharmacy
 Accident & Emergency departments – 15 types of drugs in pre-filled syringes issued to A&E departments from Pharmacy
 Operating rooms – 7 types of drugs in pre-filled syringes issued to operating rooms from Pharmacy

b) Intensive care units

dalteparin
octreotide
diphtheria tetanus polio vaccine
darbepoetin alfa
pneumococcal vaccine
filgrastim
paliperidone
omalizumab
tinzaparin
lanreotide
fondaparinux
meningococcal b vaccine
tetanus immunoglobulin
anakinra
sarilumab

Accident & Emergency departments

dalteparin
adrenaline
lanreotide
fondaparinux
darbepoetin alfa
hepatitis b vaccine
filgrastim
fluorouracil
rabies vaccine
apomorphine
enoxaparin
instillagel
tinzaparin
diphtheria tetanus polio vaccine
diphtheria tetanus pertussis polio vaccine

Operating rooms

fluorouracil
dalteparin
ranibizumab
sodium hyaluronate
mitomycin
meningococcal vaccine
lanreotide

- Q3 We are interested in receiving the following information for each year in the period from 2018 to 2021 (please include total and year-by-year breakdown):**
- a) The number of recorded cases of medication errors and adverse drug events resulting from the medication preparation of drugs prepared from vials and ampoules within University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust.**
 - b) The number of recorded cases of medication errors and adverse drug events where a prefilled syringe was used within University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust.**

A3 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 question 3 is not held centrally, but may be recorded in incident records recorded within the time frame as they are not categorised specifically to form (vial/amps/pfs). In order to confirm whether this information is held we would therefore have to individually access all incident 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 incident 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*

Under section 16 of the FOI Act we are required to provide requestors with advice and assistance where possible. We would therefore like to advise you that if your request is shortened to just questions 1 and 2 we are able to comply within the 18 hour time frame. In order to avoid delay to your response we have provided this above.

*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.

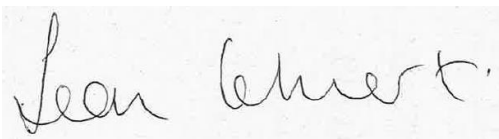
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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