



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-064

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 27th April 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Post-mortem

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request the following information:**

**For the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022:  
How many post-mortem examinations were performed?**

A1 See below:  
2019 = 453  
2020 = 191  
2021 = 122  
2022 = 143

**Q2 What was the average number of days between the time of death and the release of the body after a post-mortem examination?**

A2 Information not available

**Q3 How many pathologists worked in the Trust (in WTE)?**

A3 As of 31st March 2023 (2022/23 financial year) there were 17.5 WTE Pathologists in post

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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](http://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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