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Dear.

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 24th January 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding skin cancer.

Under section 8(1) of the FOI Act, requestors are required to provide a full name in order to make a request valid. The Information Commissioner states that a "title and/or first name with surname satisfies the requirement for provision of a real name, as does the use by a female applicant of her maiden name". Therefore, in order to proceed with your request can you please supply us with a valid name?

On the same day you replied via email with your name

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 Under the freedom of information (FOI) Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding your NHS Trusts/Boards:**

**What are your current skin cancer patient clinical pathway guidelines e.g., from initial patient symptoms in a GP setting to specialist referral as well as treatment and follow-up procedures and protocol. Attached are two out dated CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) pathway guidelines for reference.**

A1 Process below:

- The GP creates 2WW form.
- Photos taken in community.
- 2WW form and photos triaged in house by teledermatology.
- If benign then the patient is discharge,
- If unsure then they would be seen in clinic.
- If suspicious then theatre.
- Follow-up as per BAD skin cancer guidelines.

**Q2 Does your skin cancer pathway include remote patient-clinic interactions (as opposed to face-to-face interactions), Yes or No and if yes, elaborate what they are and what stage in the pathway they're used e.g., teledermatology (the use of digital photography to assess patient lesions) at the GP stage.**

A2 Teledermatology as above

**Q3 What were your latest skin cancer pathway guidelines in 2019/2020 prior to the COVID-19 pandemic (announced as a pandemic by WHO on 11 March 2020).**

**If possible, the preferred format of this information is electronic word document (.doc/.docx) or PDF.**

A3 As per national guidelines at the time

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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](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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