



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-198

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 5th July 2021 (received into our office 6th July) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding procedures.

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 We are making a freedom of information request about endo urological procedures delivered annually by your hospital/Trust. Please find attached a list of the procedures and associated HRG codes.

Please can you let us know how many of each of these procedures you actually delivered in 19/20 and 20/21?

Please can you also tell us how many of each of these procedures were cancelled on the planned day of delivery as a result of the patient having a UTI, in 19/20 and 20/21

A1 Refer to the attached spread sheet: note with regards to the second question “How many of these procedures did you cancel on the day in 19/20 due to the patient having a UTI?” – we are unable to answer this as we do not assign HRG’s to cancelled procedures as HRG’s are given to activity that has taken place and not to cancelled operations (not taken place). HRG’s are used for billing purposes and we do not normally use HRG’s to identify procedures undertaken. HRGs are a standard group of clinically similar treatments which use comparable levels of healthcare resource. In their most basic form HRGs are groups of ICD-10 diagnoses and OPCS procedures that have similar resource implications - please see the following links for further information on what is a HRG - HEALTHCARE RESOURCE GROUP CODE (datadictionary.nhs.uk) and ISB 0070: Healthcare Resource Groups (HRGs) - NHS Digital

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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.

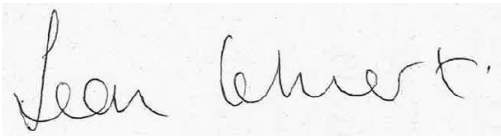
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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