



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-621

Date: 9th February 2023

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 25th January 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding foetal painkiller

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 Can you confirm if A) your NHS Trust gives direct foetal painkiller as part of the standard operating procedure for feticide? and, if not,**
- B) if the birthing person requests direct foetal painkiller, will direct foetal painkiller be considered and, if appropriate, administered?**

Context: the new RCOG update from December 2023:

<https://www.rcog.org.uk/media/gdtnncdk/rcog-fetal-awareness-evidence-review-dec-2022.pdf> ...which states “Some units in the UK use fentanyl in these procedures and some do not.” (P.9)

- A1 See below:
- A. No
 - B. Yes

*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.

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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.

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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