



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-556

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3rd February 2022 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding number of beds.

**The University Hospitals of North Midlands Trust is committed to the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**However, the NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services.**

**We strive to be transparent and to work with an open culture. But at this time, whilst care of our patients and the safety of our staff takes precedent, it is likely that responses to some requests for information will be delayed. We apologise for this position in advance, and will endeavour to provide you with as much information as we can, as soon as we are able.**

**The Information Commissioners Office has recognised the current situation in the NHS.**

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 Stated separately for December 15, 2019, and December 15, 2021:**

**How many patient hospital beds did the Trust have on its premises? This should be a total of all patient hospital beds, including those used as day beds and overnight beds.**

A1 See below:

December 2019 = 1564

December 2021 = 1565

**Q2 How many patient hospital beds did the Trust have open?**

A2 There is no national requirement for Trusts to hold historical information on how many beds a trust had open, however each Trust does submit a daily SITREP return to NHS England which has some limited information about beds.

For 15/12/2019 - Please see <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/winter-daily-sitreps/winter-daily-sitrep-2019-20-data/>

Open the relevant weekly report, go the G&A Bed tab and look for either the code RJE or Name University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust to obtain the information we have submitted.

For 15/12/2021 – Please see <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/uec-sitrep/urgent-and-emergency-care-daily-situation-reports-2021-22/>

Open the report, go to the tabs relating to G&A bed and look for either the code RJE or Name University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust to obtain the information we have submitted.

**Q3 How many patient hospital beds did the Trust have closed?**

A3 There is no national requirement for Trusts to hold historical information on how many beds a trust had closed, however each trust does submit a daily SITREP return to NHS England which has some limited information about bed closures due to D&V and norovirus.

As in Q2 For 15/12/2019 - Please see <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/winter-daily-sitreps/winter-daily-sitrep-2019-20-data/>

For 15/12/2021 – Please see <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/uec-sitrep/urgent-and-emergency-care-daily-situation-reports-2021-22/>

**Q4 How many patient hospital beds were occupied by patients?**

A4 There is no national requirement for trusts to hold historical information on how many beds a trust had occupied, however each trust does submit a daily SITREP return to NHS England which has some limited information about bed occupancy.

As in Q2 For 15/12/2019 - Please see <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/winter-daily-sitreps/winter-daily-sitrep-2019-20-data/>

For 15/12/2021 – Please see <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/uec-sitrep/urgent-and-emergency-care-daily-situation-reports-2021-22/>

**Q5 How many hospital wards and bays did the Trust have?**

A5 Information not held = the Trust does not hold this level of detail as there is no national requirement for us to do so

**Q6 How many hospital wards and bays had zero patients in them?**

A6 Information not held = the Trust does not hold this level of detail as there is no national requirement for us to do so

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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.

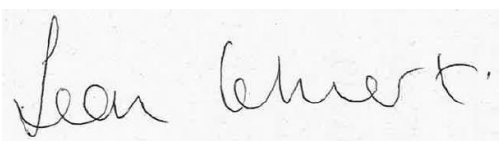
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and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