University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust

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Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-677

Date: 5th March 2020

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 18th February 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding the number of deaths in the Trust that were subjected to a case record review.

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 **I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

Please send me:

The figures published quarterly, as required by the National Health Service (Quality Accounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2017, and directed by the National Quality Board National Guidance on Learning from Deaths, on the number of deaths in the Trust that were subjected to a case record review and were judged more likely than not to have been due to problems in care, for each quarter that they have been published.

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding the above, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: *information reasonably accessible by other means,* this is because the information will be available via the Trust's public website at the following link:
(Public Trust Board in December 2019 for Q3 figures re learning from deaths (section 2.2 page 26))

http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/aboutus/Board-and-Board-papers/TrustBoardPapers/Pages/TrustBoardPapers.aspx

Q2 **If no figures have been published please provide an explanation regarding why the Trust believes it has complied with The National Health Service (Quality Accounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2017.**

A2 Not applicable

Q3 **Whether the Trust uses the Learning from Deaths Dashboard issued with the National Guidance.**

A3 As answer 1

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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.

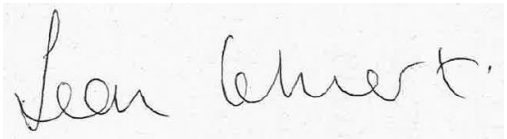
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and 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 676474.

Yours,



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