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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 19th March 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Covid-19

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 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 Please can you tell me how many Structured Judgment Reviews (SJRs) the Trust has carried out since 1st January 2020 and how many of these reviews involved the death of a patient with hospital acquired Covid?

A1 See below:

SJRs completed since 1st Jan 2020: 797

SJRs completed since 1st Jan 2020 (definite hospital acquired Covid cases): 9

SJRs completed since 1st Jan 2020 (probable hospital acquired Covid cases): 14

Please note that the HA COVID cases are under review by Deputy Medical Director and cohort of other senior clinicians. This is to formally start at end of March 2021.



Q2 If the Trust does not use the SJR method, please can you give me the numbers for the equivalent method you use e.g. a Serious Incident.

For the avoidance of doubt, when I refer to hospital-acquired Covid I am referring to both probable cases (a positive test 8-14 days after admission) and definite cases (testing positive 15 days or more after admission).

A2 Not applicable as the Trust uses SJR methodology

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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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