



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-652

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Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 4th January 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) and regarding asthma.

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 In line with the Freedom of Information Act (2000) we would like to understand the type of models, capacity and waiting times access to specialist care for children and young people with asthma given to inpatients in your hospital.

We would be grateful if you could respond to the following questions:

1. For children and young people with asthma referred by a GP or other community healthcare professionals, what is the waiting time for their first appointment or assessment by a clinical specialist expert in paediatric asthma?

A1 Within 14 weeks currently

Q2 For children and young people with asthma who has suffered an asthma attack and were admitted to hospital through the emergency department or as an emergency referral from a GP or other community healthcare professionals, what is the waiting time for their first appointment or assessment by a clinical specialist expert in paediatric asthma?

A2 Appointment offered within 4 weeks of discharge.

Q3 How many children and young people with asthma are currently patients receiving on-going care through your Outpatient system?

A3 Estimated 500 patients (data approximate as numbers embedded in general respiratory coding not disease specific as well as dedicated clinic coding)

Q4 How many children and young people in your Outpatient system are currently using some form of digital patient remote monitoring system prescribed to them by a clinical specialist expert in paediatric asthma?

A4 40-50 patients

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Yours,



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