



Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-627

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Date: 31st January 2020

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 29th January 2020 (received into our office 30th January) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding bladed object incidents in hospitals.

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 Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request information on knife crime and security related incidents at the trust in each of the last five years.

How many times has there been reported an incident of a member of the public carrying a bladed object on or near the hospital site?

A1 This information is not held by UHNM as we do not record information of incidents 'near' to the hospital site. In addition we do not record information relating to 'members of the public', we record information relating only to our patients.

Q2 How many times has someone sustained an injury by someone carrying a bladed object on or near the hospital site?

A2 As above, we do not record information relating to any other person than NHS staff or those employed on NHS business.

Q3 How many times has protection been required, either by police or private security personnel, to protect access to an injured inpatient?

A3 We do not record information relating to Police PPE. Security Officers at the Royal Stoke site wear a stab vest at all times whilst on duty.

Q4 If possible please provide an approximate date for each incident.

A4 Information not held

*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.

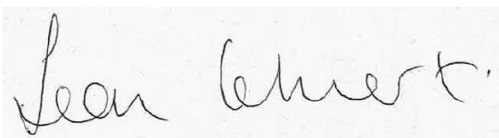
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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

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 676474.

Yours,



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