

Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-539

Date: 22nd December 2023

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 14th November 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding bed cleaning

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 request the following information from your NHS Trust under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

Does the Trust have a bed cleaning facility in place? Please specify details where possible.

A1 UHNM does not have a bed cleaning facility we only have a maintenance facility

Q2 Please specify how beds are cleaned (please specify any differences between infected and non-infected beds)

- o at what frequency (i.e. daily, weekly)
- o and who cleans the beds (please specify if an external company or by Trust nurses, healthcare assistants, etc)

A2 For non infected/colonised bed space staff follow a discharge clean process, for infected/colonised bed space staff follow a terminal clean process. The UHNM Infection Prevention Q+A manual contains the process.

Beds are cleaned when visibly soiled/dusty, on discharge, when patient no longer requires isolation and as per national standard of cleanliness.

The beds are cleaned by both clinical staff and domestic staff. Clinical staff clean bed parts from the bed base upwards and domestic staff clean the lower bed frames.

Refer to the attached documents

Q3 Please provide the Trust's C-diff status - i.e. under trajectory, on trajectory, over trajectory

A3 Over Trajectory

Q4 Please also provide copies of any recent IPC audits (from January 2023 to date) carried out by NHS England

A4 No NHS England audits received

*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.

Yours,



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