



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-797

Date: 3rd April 2024

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 20th February 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding surgical gloves.

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 Do you use latex free sterile surgical gloves as standard sterile PPE in your Trust? If no please answer the below

A1 No

Q2 How many patient related Latex incidents have been reported in you Trust in the last 5 years?

- a. **Of this number please identify location of incident (EG emergency department, Emergency theatre (CEPOD), procedure room or ward)**
- b. **For patients identified please record their admission and treatment diagnosis**

A2 Between February 2019 and November 2023 there were 23 patients related Latex incidents
a. Anaesthetics, Critical Care and Theatres, General Surgery and Urology
b. section 40 exemption as detailed below:

We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information.*

This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.

- Q3 For each reported incident please identify the level of harm recorded**
a. **No harm, Low, moderate, severe/death.**
b. **If moderate or severe please identify the patient length of stay**

A3 See below.

No harm 18
Low 5
Moderate 0
Severe/death 0

- Q4 How many RIDDOR reports have been raised in the last 5 years due to Latex Allergy? for any incidents please identify the area of work.**
a. **Please identify the total time away from work for each incident due to Latex Exposure**

A4 Nil staff RIDDOR notifications relating to Latex allergy over the specified period.

- Q5 What proportion of your sterile surgical glove expenditure is allocated to non latex supply?**

A5 Not applicable

*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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