



Ref: FOIA Reference 2020/21-600

Date: 31st March 2021

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 30th March 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Viscosupplementation injections

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 Could you please provide some information, as laid out below?

Question	Response
1) Does your organisation use/perform Viscosupplementation injections?	
2) How much has your organisation spent in the financial year 2019/20 on viscosupplementation in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary care • how much has been spent in Secondary care. 	
3) How much has your organisation spent in the financial year 2018/19, on viscosupplementation in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary care • how much has been spent in Secondary care. 	

4) Which (brands) Viscosupplement have been used in the financial year 2019/20?	YES/NO
Arthrum H	
Cingal	
Durolane	
Euflexxa	
Fermathron	
Orthovisc	
Ostenil	
Ostenil Plus	
RenahaVis	
Suplasyn	
Synocrom	
Synocrom Mini	
Synolis	
Monovisc	
Synopsis	
Synvisc (Hylan G-F20)	
Synvisc ONE (Hylan G-F20)	

A1 The above information is not held by UHNM, Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust may be able to assist and they can be contacted at the following link: foi@mpft.nhs.uk

*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.

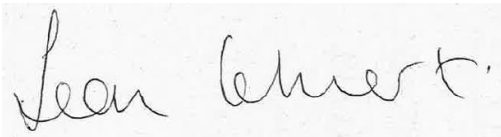
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

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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