



**University Hospitals  
of North Midlands**  
NHS Trust

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Date: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding our response to FOI ref 598-1920 and further questions.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 If a patient presents with a seizure, what is the procedure that paramedics and ED staff should follow if that patient is NOT diagnosed as epileptic.**

**What readings, checks and steps should be followed, bearing in mind there is a whole host of reasons that individuals may have a suspected seizure. Should blood sugar levels be checked as a matter of course to rule out low blood sugar levels?**

**I would also like to know what readings, checks and steps are followed when a patient has already been diagnosed as epileptic. I would like to know the care path that's followed where a pre-existing diagnosis of epilepsy is known differs to that followed where there is no known medical diagnosis.**

A1 In A&E each patient is assessed on an individual basis depending upon their condition on arrival. A minimum set of observations including respiratory rate, oxygen saturations, blood pressure, pulse and conscious level. The patient's assessment will determine what other test may be required. The tests performed will vary depending upon whether the patient is still actively fitting or if the fitting has resolved and the patient recovered.

Information regarding paramedics is not held by UHNM, information may be available by contacting West Midlands Ambulance Service at the following email address.  
Email: [foi@wmas.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@wmas.nhs.uk)

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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.

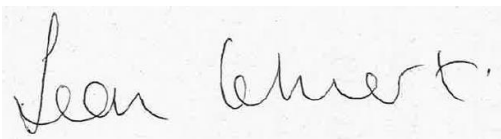
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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**Information Governance Manager**