

Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-465

Royal Stoke University Hospital

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Date: 6th January 2022

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 10th December 2021 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding neurology appointment

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 direct my questions regarding waiting times for a neurology appointment at UHNM in 2017 to you. If you are able to answer a question regarding this then please let me know, otherwise I would be grateful if you could provide me with the email address of someone who could assist.

What I am looking for is what the general waiting times would have been if a neurology referral was made to UHNM by a GP in around March 2017, not necessarily specific to this client or the consultant she eventually saw.

The consultant she eventually saw in 2019 was Dr

A1 UHNM does not hold this type of information as there is no national requirement for us to do so.

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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 671612.

Yours,

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