



Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-463

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

UHNM has received several requests that are asking for similar information that are from the same person/company, therefore we are contacting you to inform you that under section 12 of the FOI Act we were aggregating these requests on cancer and rickets

Your new reference number for both is 463-2324

The section 12 exemption states:

The authority can combine related requests received within a period of 60 consecutive days from:

- The same person or
- People who appear to be acting in concert or in pursuance of a campaign.

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.

### **Request #1**

**Q1 Please can I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act on cancer diagnostic tests at your Trust.**

**How many patients are currently on your Trust's waiting list for a cancer diagnostic test?**

A1 1107 patients waiting for a diagnostic test as of 01.12.2023

**Q2 How many patients were on your Trust's waiting list for a cancer diagnostic test 12 months ago?**

A2 1515 patients waiting for a diagnostic test as of 01.12.2022

**Q3 What is the longest time a patient has had to wait for a cancer diagnostic test in the last 12 months?**

A3 Data is not available

**Q4 How many cancer diagnostic tests have been cancelled by your Trust for non-clinical reasons in the last 12 months?**

A4 Data is not available

**Q5 What is the highest number of times a cancer diagnostic test for one patient has been cancelled by your Trust for non-clinical reasons in the last 12 months**

A5 Data is not available

### Request #2

**Q1 Please can I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act on rickets and scurvy at your Trust.**

**How many patients has Your Trust treated for scurvy in each of the years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023**

A1 Information not held ( ICD10 coding E550 – Rickets and E54 – Vitamin C Deficiency and we do not have any patients)

**Q2 How many patients has your Trust treated for rickets in each of the years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023**

A2 As answer 1

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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](http://www.ico.org.uk).

Yours,



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