



Ref: FOIA Reference 2022/23-704

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Covid 19

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 Please disclose, preferably by PDF if you are using an attachment, the number of hospital admissions to Royal Stoke Hospital since the start of 2023 that have stayed for less than 120 hours and how many of these people were not tested for Covid this time or have been sent home (or wherever else they were discharged to) to do a Covid test themselves but haven't informed the Trust of the result (probably at the same hospital but not ruling out that they could be to report to the other hospital and haven't done so, either. Wherever in the Trust they were asked to provide a result to or weren't asked at all).**

**A1 Please note that UHNM **only** tests for Covid 19 where symptoms are evident, we do not hold information on how many patients self-tested at home or elsewhere: However:**

The number of hospital admissions to Royal Stoke Hospital since the start of 2023 that have stayed for 120 hours or less

For the period 1st Jan 23 to 13th Mar 23 there were 36,036 admissions with 32,334 of those who had a hospital stay of 120 hours or less.

The number of hospital admissions to County Hospital since the start of 2023 that have stayed for 120 hours or less...

For the period 1st Jan 23 to 13th Mar 23 there were 8,415 admissions with 7,818 of those who had a hospital stay of 120 hours or less

**Q2 Please also provide a breakdown for number of children staying less than 120 hours since the start of the year and how many of them haven't been tested, children being**

**whatever cut-off you want to use whether under 16s, under 18s or even under 19s as some data is stored in that way even if this will technically include some adults (those aged 18, possibly 19, but mostly should be valid when considering children).**

**Have you got any information on the two points relating to children under 5 (which may or may not include babies) or as close as you can get to under 5s and please supply if so?**

**Please also answer the same request for County Hospital Stafford.**

A2 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*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5  
*This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed.*

As answer 1; Plus,

The number of children (0-17) hospital admissions to **Royal Stoke Hospital** since the start of 2023 that have stayed for 120 hours or less

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 23 to 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 23 there were **3,549 admissions** with **3,329** of those who had a hospital stay of 120 hours or less.

The number of children (0-5) hospital admissions to **Royal Stoke Hospital** since the start of 2023 that have stayed for 120 hours or less

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 23 to 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 23 there were **1,987 admissions** with **1,837** of those who had a hospital stay of 120 hours or less.

The number of children (0-17) hospital admissions to **County Hospital** since the start of 2023 that have stayed for 120 hours or less

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 23 to 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 23 there were **23 admissions** with **23** of those who had a hospital stay of 120 hours or less.

The number of children (0-5) hospital admissions to **County Hospital** since the start of 2023 that have stayed for 120 hours or less

For the period 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 23 to 13<sup>th</sup> Mar 23 there was **<5 admission(s)** with **<5** of those who had a hospital stay of 120 hours or less.

\*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](http://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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