

Ref: FOI-198 -202425-HR-Physician associates

Date: 10th July 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 18th June 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding physician associates

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 The number of SHO doctor shifts (FY2/ST1/ST2/CT1/CT2) covered by physician associates at the Trust between December 2023 - May 2024.

A1 I can confirm that the Trust holds information regarding this request, but feel this information is exempt under section 21: information reasonably accessible by other means. This is because the information is available via the Trust's public website at the following link:

<http://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/about-us/regulatory-information/freedom-of-information-publication-scheme/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log/>

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Q2 Each time a physician associate has covered a SHO doctor shift, please provide the date and unit where the shift took place.

A2 As answer 1

Q3 The number of physician associates employed by the Trust.

A3 See below:

4 x Physician Associates who are employed in this capacity.

1 x Physician Associate who is employed in the Research Department, but does not cover rotas, but they are still a Physician Associate.

*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.

Yours,



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