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By email only

Dear,

We write further to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act received 22nd July 2019. We have set out your request, together with our response below.

1. What is the most amount of post mortem cases that you are able to carry out in a single post mortem session?

6 coroners/hospital cases per session

2. How many hospital post mortem examinations did you undertake between 1st April 2018 – 1st April 2019? (NHS only)

1 consented hospital PM

3. How many coronial post mortem examinations did you undertake between 1st April 2018 – 1st April 2019?

536

4. What is the average number of hospital post mortem examinations that you have undertaken over the past 3 financial years? (NHS only)

10 in total over three years

5. What is the average number of coronial post mortem examinations that you have undertaken over the past 3 financial years?

18/19 - 536

17/18 - 606

16/17 - 552 Average – 565 per annum

6. How many brain & spinal cord donations have you carried out over within the mortuary over the past 3 financial years?

12

7. How many members of staff do you employ within the mortuary? (This includes administration staff)

Workforce models for the CWPS Network (must cover three sites)

1 WTE	BAND 8A	NETWORK MORTUARY MANAGER
1 WTE	BAND 6	ASSISTANT NETWORK MORTUARY MANAGER
1 WTE	BAND 5	SENIOR APT
1 WTE	BAND 5	A&C MORTUARY OFFICE LEAD
3 WTE	BAND 4	APT
2 WTE	BAND 3	TRAINEE APT
1.6WTE	BAND 2	BMA

8. What qualifications (In relation to mortuary activity) do your employees currently hold?

RSPH Certificate in APT

RSPH Diploma in APT

RSPH Level 3 Diploma in APT

9. What NHS pay bands are your employees in? (NHS only)

Detailed in answer to question 7

10. What is your capacity for the storage of deceased?

UHCW Site

Permanent fridges – 98 permanent freezer – 5 temporary storage 48

Rugby St Cross Site

Permanent fridges – 32 permanent freezer – 8 temporary storage – 36

11. Does your mortuary charge undertakers/service users for storage of deceased?
(Assuming that the deceased would remain in your care for an extended period of time once they have been released to go.)

No charges

12. If the answer to question 11 is yes, are the premises risk assessed and do they coincide with HTA regulations?

Not Applicable

13. Do you store deceased patients' offsite with non NHS service users? (NHS only)

No

14. Do you actively undertake increased risk post mortem work? (Blood borne)

Yes – UHCW is the designated high risk centre for the region

15. Do you actively undertake increased risk post mortem work? (Air borne)

Yes – UHCW is the designated high risk centre for the region

As we have provided the information that we do hold your request is now closed. We trust that this is satisfactory but if you are dissatisfied with the way that it has been handled you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Geoff Stokes, Director of Corporate Affairs, UHCW, Clifford Bridge Road, Coventry CV2 2DX.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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