

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 23-100**

1 March 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting
- a. For the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 (or the most recent 12 month period available), the number of patients diagnosed with genetic haemochromatosis under your care.**  
44
- b. For the period 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022 (or the most recent 12 month period available), the average time in days from first referral from primary care to the patient's first appointment within your trust.**  
47 days
- c. A copy of your protocol and/or patient pathway applicable to the care of people with genetic haemochromatosis.**  
Please see the attached document (Diagnosis and Management of Genetic Haemochromatosis).
- d. The date that your protocol/patient pathway for genetic haemochromatosis was last reviewed or revised.**  
January 2023.
- e. A copy of your clinical protocol(s) for therapeutic venesection.**  
Please see the attached document. (Haemochromatosis Venesection SOP 2023).
- f. The date that your protocol(s) for therapeutic venesection were last reviewed or revised.**  
2020 (this is currently being reviewed and updated).

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, 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:

Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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

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Yours sincerely

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