

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-106

23 February 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

1. How much money was spent on external consultancy services to help improve hospital processes and efficiency for the tax years 2012 to 2022?

Figures are in '£000's.

2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
2434	1751	1100	826	686	371	835	406	460	310

The Trust merged with Weston Area Health NHS Trust in April 2020. The figures prior to 2020/21 financial year represent the costs incurred by University Hospitals Bristol NHSFT ONLY.

2. Has your organisation directly employed during the period of 2012 to 2022 data analysts and or statisticians (not through consultancy services nor through academic access)?

Statisticians: No

Data analysts: Yes

3. If yes, to question 2, did they facilitate non-research hospital governance and improvement activity and/or data analytics for the NHS?

Yes

**4. Does your hospital currently have an improvement/development team? Yes
No**

Yes, and it includes data analysts or statisticians.

5. Which group of employees carries out the majority of governance and

improvement projects? a) doctors, b) nurses, c) doctors and nurses, d) a specific team.
All staff in the Trust undertake improvement projects

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
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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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