

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 23-175**

21 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 hold some of the information you are requesting

**There are endocrinology department/s within this Trust which accept patients. The highlighted seven questions on the list (below) are not related to surgical management of hyperparathyroidism, i.e. parathyroidectomy, but to pathways of endocrinology patients within the Trust.**

**1. According to your response, the Trust does not hold this information. Please provide the name/-s of the organisation/-s holding this information on the behalf of the UHBW Trust.**

North Bristol NHS Trust [foi@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@nbt.nhs.uk)

**2. Does the Trust hold the information whether a patient, referred by the Trust to parathyroidectomy with another provider, receives the surgery? Please answer yes or no.**

We do not hold this information, Primary hyperparathyroidism is not managed surgically in this Trust.

**3. Does the Trust hold the information when a patient, referred by the Trust to parathyroidectomy with another provider, receives the surgery? Please answer yes or no.**

We do not hold this information, Primary hyperparathyroidism is not managed surgically in this Trust.

**4. Does the Trust hold the information how many patients are referred by the Trust to parathyroidectomy with another provider? Please answer yes or no.**

We do not hold this information, Primary hyperparathyroidism is not managed surgically in this Trust.

**1. How many/what percentage of patients who had their first endocrinology consultant appointment in May 2019 were still waiting for diagnosis on 15 February 2023 (or the nearest available date)?**

**[the question refers to any diagnosis and does not specifically focus on the primary hyperparathyroidism]**

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Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by \*. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

**2. The patients who had their first endocrinology consultant appointment in May 2019:**

**2.1. how many patients were diagnosed with primary hyperparathyroidism? (If "0" or very low figures, please apply to April-May or April-May-June instead)**

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**2.2. what was the waiting time between the first appointment and the diagnosis: median/range?**

Median = 0 / Range = 0 to 84 days (12 weeks)

**2.3. the patients who were referred for parathyroidectomy - how long was their waiting time between referral to surgery and the surgery: median/range?**

We do not hold this information, Primary hyperparathyroidism is not managed surgically in this Trust.

**2.4. how many patients from this cohort are still waiting for parathyroidectomy?**

We do not hold this information, Primary hyperparathyroidism is not managed surgically in this Trust.

**3. What was the waiting time between the referral to surgery and the surgery for the patients who had parathyroidectomy in January-February 2020: median/range?**

We do not hold this information, Primary hyperparathyroidism is not managed surgically in this Trust.

**4. What was the waiting time for parathyroidectomy in October 2021; February 2022?**

We do not hold this information, Primary hyperparathyroidism is not managed surgically in this Trust.

**5. What was the total number of parathyroidectomies in 2021-2022? Please list by provider and surgeon.**

We do not hold this information, Primary hyperparathyroidism is not managed surgically in this Trust.

**6. How long was the waiting time between the first appointment and the diagnosis of primary hyperparathyroidism in 2021; 2022? (median/range)**

We do not hold this information, Primary hyperparathyroidism is not managed surgically in this Trust.

**7. How many parathyroidectomies in Q5 a) caused the vocal cord damage, b) were unsuccessful in treating the hyperparathyroidism and/or resulted in complications? Please list by surgeon.**

We do not hold this information, Primary hyperparathyroidism is not managed surgically in this Trust.

**8. What was the waiting time from the first appointment to surgery for patients who had parathyroidectomy in December 2022-January 2023: median/range?**

We do not hold this information, Primary hyperparathyroidism is not managed surgically in this Trust.

**9. How many patients were on the waiting list for parathyroidectomy in January 2023?**

We do not hold this information, Primary hyperparathyroidism is not managed surgically in this Trust.

**10. What was the waiting time for parathyroidectomy in January 2023?**

We do not hold this information, Primary hyperparathyroidism is not managed surgically in this Trust.

**11. How many patients were referred for parathyroidectomy to other trusts and/or private providers and paid for by the Trust, in 2019; 2021; 2022? Please list by provider and surgeon.**

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**12. How many patients in total received treatment under the S2 funding route (or its predecessor) in 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022?**

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**13. How many parathyroidectomies took place under the S2 funding route in 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022?**

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**14. Please list names of providers and surgeons for parathyroidectomies in Q13.**

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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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