

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 23-195**

20 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

**Q1**

**a) Is 3D printing technology being used at your facilities?**

☐ Yes

☐ No No

**If the answer to Q1a is Yes then skip to Q2.**

**If the answer to Q1a is No then:**

**b) Do you plan on utilizing 3D Printing technology in the near future?**

☐ Yes

☐ No

Possibly

**If the answer to Q1b is No then you may skip the rest of the questionnaire.**

**If the answer to Q1b is Yes then:**

**c) What part(s) do you intent to 3D print (e.g. Prosthetic limbs, hearing aids etc.)?**

To be confirmed

**Q2) What 3D Printers are being used for producing the parts (Brand name & model)?**

Not applicable

**Q3) What type of parts/products are being printed (e.g. Prosthetic hand, prosthetic leg, splint, hip joint etc.) Please be specific.**

Not applicable

**Q4) What materials are being commonly used for 3D printing at your facilities?**

Not applicable

**Q5) What ISO standards and/or other ASTM/BS standards are being followed when producing the parts/products?**

Not applicable

**Q6) Please briefly describe the ethics process that is required for using 3D printing parts in patients?**

Not applicable

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  
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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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