

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-197

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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

I am writing to request the following information. This information relates to the NHS England Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response Framework in general and section 10, "Cycle of preparedness", in particular.

Please note that much of the information requested is only records of the existence of current procedures, training, resources and tests, and not the contents of the procedures, training, resources and tests themselves.

For clarity, to minimise the cost of my request and to prevent the disclosure of any sensitive information, I have enumerated the information I am requesting and specified how it could be provided.

If you do not hold some of this information then I ask you to confirm explicitly that you do not hold it.

Given the potentially sensitive nature of this information, I ask you to redact any exempt information instead of refusing disclosure. This would be in accordance with guidance on best practice from the Information Commissioner's Office.

Patient care and support services

Continuity of essential clinical support services

1. Any record of whether procedures exist to ensure operational continuity of essential clinical support or ancillary services (e.g. laboratory, radiology, pharmacy) during emergencies and disasters. (Can be answered yes / no.)

Yes.

2. Any record of whether staff have been trained in the above procedures. (Can be answered yes / no.)

No.

3. Any record of whether resources to implement the above procedures can be mobilized at all times. (Can be answered yes / no.)

Yes.

Expansion of usable space for mass casualty incidents

4. Any record of whether procedures and resources exist to expand space and provide access to extra beds in mass casualty incidents. (Can be answered yes / no.)

Yes.

5. Any record of whether staff have been trained in the above procedures. (Can be answered yes / no.)

No.

6. The date(s) of the most recent test(s) of the above procedures. (Can be answered with a date or dates.)

Not applicable.

Triage for major emergencies and disasters

7. Any record of whether space has been designated and procedures exist to carry out triage during emergencies and disasters. (Can be answered yes / no.)

Yes.

8. Any record of whether staff have been trained in the above procedures. (Can be answered yes / no.)

No.

9. The date(s) of the most recent test(s) of the above procedures. (Can be answered with a date or dates.)

Not applicable.

Triage tags for mass casualty incidents

10. Any record the existence of triage tags for mass casualty incidents. (Can be answered yes / no.)

Yes.

System for referral, transfer and reception of patients

11. Any record of whether procedures exist for the reception, referral and transfer of patients to and from other health facilities within and outside the geographical area where the hospital is located during emergencies and disasters. (Can be answered yes / no.)

Yes.

12. Any record of whether staff have been trained in the above procedures. (Can be answered yes / no.)

No.

13. The date(s) of the most recent test(s) of the above procedures. (Can be answered with a date or dates.)

Not applicable.

Infection surveillance, prevention and control procedures

14. Any record of whether procedures exist for infection prevention and control during emergencies and disasters. (Can be answered yes / no.)

Yes.

15. Any record of whether staff have been trained in the above procedures. (Can be answered yes / no.)

Yes.

16. Any record of whether resources are available for implementation of the above procedures. (Can be answered yes / no.)

Yes.

Psychosocial services

17. Any record of whether procedures exist for provision of psychosocial support, assessment and treatment services to patients, families and staff during emergencies and disasters. (Can be answered yes / no.)

Yes.

18. Any record of whether staff have been trained in the above procedures. (Can be answered yes / no.)

No.

19. Any record of whether resources are available for implementation of the above procedures. (Can be answered yes / no.)

No.

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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