

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-217

27 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

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

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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)

3. 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. Please contact North Bristol NHS Trust, foi@nbt.nhs.uk for this information

4. 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.

We do not hold this information. Please contact North Bristol NHS Trust, foi@nbt.nhs.uk for this information.

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

2019/20 19

2020/21 0

2021/22 0

2022/23 *

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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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