

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-354

9 June 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

Please confirm whether The Trust have had any independent Royal College Reports carried out from 2018 to present day?

Yes.

If so please provide:

The number of reports undertaken and the dates.

Three

5th March 2018

9th June 2020

30th December 2020.

The area / areas where the report was carried out.

5th March 2018

Ophthalmology Services

9th June 2020

Hepatobiliary Surgical Service

30th December 2020

We have not provided this information as requested as we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified, when considered with other information that may be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of information would breach the Data Protection Act. Therefore please find that Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

If the reports concern a specific clinician the speciality of the clinician

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Please provide a copy of the report.

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply **Section 21** of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain on the following links:

[20-250_response.pdf \(uhbw.nhs.uk\)](#)

[20-250_case_note_review_opthalmology - uh bristol nhs foundation trustpdf \(uhbw.nhs.uk\)](#)

[KM_C554e-20200626120540 \(uhbw.nhs.uk\)](#)

Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

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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