

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 23-472**

20 July 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

**1. Does your trust have a general policy on the care of transgender patients or guidelines for supporting trans staff and patients?**

No

**If so, please supply a copy**

Not applicable.

**2. Does your trust have a specific policy on maternity/pregnancy for trans and non-binary patients?**

No

**If so, please supply a copy**

Not applicable

**3. Does your trust record patients' biological sex, self-described gender identity or both?**

Biological sex is routinely recorded.

**4. Does your trust follow Annex B of NHS same-sex accommodation guidance, which states that a trans patient can be placed in an opposite sex ward?**

We are in the process of updating our single sex accommodation policy and SOP. Annex B is not currently followed, and cases are considered on a case-by-case basis, dependent on the individual circumstances and clinical needs of the patient.

We have recently taken part in the new NHS Rainbow Badge assessment and accreditation scheme, and this has highlighted areas for future improvement.

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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