

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-527

21 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
- **How many early pregnancy units do you have within your health trust? Please can you provide the opening times of those early pregnancy units?**

We have two Early Pregnancy Clinics (EPC), one based at St Michael's Hospital, Bristol (open seven days a week 08:00-16:00 and three weekends in four) and the other at Weston General Hospital, Weston-Super-Mare (open five days a week 08:00-16:00)

- **Do you have any dedicated recurrent pregnancy-loss clinics or recurrent miscarriage clinics within your health trust? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?**

We have a recurrent miscarriage clinic once per month in our main Gynaecology Outpatient's department. In addition, we have weekly reproductive Medicine clinics where we will see recurrent miscarriage patients too.

- **Do you have any dedicated pregnancy-loss clinics or miscarriage clinics (i.e. for non recurring losses) within your health trust? If so, please can you give the number of clinics you have?**

No.

- **How many recurrent miscarriages would an individual need to experience before being entitled to an investigation into the causes?**

Three.

- **What mental health support do you offer for people affected by miscarriage?**

For women attending the Early Pregnancy Clinic we have external support available from the Willow Tree and Miscarriage Association. Our new hospital-based bereavement team can support women with pregnancy loss from 16 weeks. The recurrent miscarriage clinic has a

dedicated counsellor to refer their patients to. This is an independent counsellor, they can only have 1-2 sessions, but this is free and paid for by the Trust.

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
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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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