

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-610

12 September 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-Details of the Intraoperative Neuromonitoring (IONM) services offered, including but not limited to:

a. Types of surgeries or procedures for which IONM services are utilised.

Neurophysiology (paediatrics only)

Spinal (paediatrics only)

b. The specific conditions or indications that warrant IONM during surgeries.

Indications for motor mapping are primarily related to the proximity of any existing lesion to the motor and sensory cortices, or the need to identify the central sulcus for TPO disconnection. ECoG has been used primarily to define the borders of the identified lesion and guide the extent of the resection.

2- Information about the referral process for patients requiring Intraoperative Monitoring Services, including how patients are assessed and referred for IOM.

Surgical cases are identified through the Children's Epilepsy Surgery Surgery's (CESS's) Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) meetings, when the results and data from each specialities' pre-surgical workups are presented.

3- Statistics or data on the utilisation of Intraoperative Neuromonitoring Services for the past two calendar years, broken down by year. This should include the total number of procedures involving IONM, as well as a breakdown of the types of surgeries or procedures.

Neurophysiology

2021: 6

2022: 10

Spinal:

2021: 38

2022: 33

4-Does the Trust currently engage with external agencies for the provision of intraoperative monitoring services? If yes, please provide details.

No

5-If external agencies are used for intraoperative monitoring, please provide the name(s) of the agency or agencies.

Not applicable

6-For the most recent fiscal year available, please provide the total expenditure or costs associated with engaging external agencies for intraoperative monitoring services. This may include any contractual fees, service charges, or other relevant costs.

Not applicable

7-The contact details of the individual or department responsible for overseeing the Intraoperative Monitoring Services at the Trust.

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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
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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