

Ref: 23-631

Freedom of Information Request

13 October 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 not hold the information you are requesting
- 1) Please send the thematic review into never events, as referenced in the Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB's board papers from its March public board meeting on page 3 of the BNSSG quality report (February report for month 9 and quarter 3): https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/07.1-Outcomes-Performance-and-Quality-Committee-ICB-Board-Mar-2023.pdf

We do not hold this information. Please contact Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (BNSSG) bnssg.foi@nhs.net for further information.

2) Please send all correspondence sent and received by the trust and NHS England's regional chief midwife regarding an increase in women free birthing and the use of doulas, as referenced on page 183 of the trust's public board papers for March 2023: https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/public_board_22.02.2023 pdf pack of papers v2 reduced for website.pdf

We have searched the Trust's email archive and we do not hold this information. We can confirm that the issue of the increase in women free birthing and the use of doulas has been escalated to the Regional Chief Midwife but this took place via a telephone call/meeting.

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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