

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-794

17 November 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

In 2022 I sent you a FOI request asking how you treated conditions or probable or suspected conditions listed as i-iii) below?

i) Pandas (Paediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal Infections) ii) PANS (Paediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome) iii) immune mediated neuro behaviour conditions.

Following this request there has been a press release in February 2023, a copy is attached, it can also be found via the BPNA website (<https://bpna.org.uk/?page=pans-pandas>.)

Following this update from the working group. Please could you provide me with the following:

1) Tell me whether the Trust/ Hospitals treatment and diagnostic criteria has changed as a result of the working group statement. If it has, please can you send me the copies of the new policy/ procedure for treatment and diagnostic pathway.

No, nothing has changed

2a) Please could you also provide for each condition or probable/ suspected condition i)-iii) above the number of paediatric patients presenting with these conditions for each year for the past 1 year? & b) how many patients were referred to another service outside of the trust.

PANDAS - Zero

PANS - 16345

3) Please could you provide me with any minutes of meetings which decided how

patients are treated following the British Paediatric Neurology Association update on the working group in February 2023 and who made the decision to implement any changes.

We do not hold this information.

4a)) Whether the Trust/ Hospital has sought commissioning to treat this cohort of patients and b) who did it approach e.g ICB or NHSE and c) whether this was approved or rejected along with the reasons why or timescales for implementation if relevant.

We do not hold this information.

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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