

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-871

7 December 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 hold some of the information you are requesting
- **Does the trust have a bed cleaning facility in place? Please specify details where possible.**
No, all beds are cleaned in situ as a routine clean which is part of our cleaning schedule.
- **Please specify how beds are cleaned (please specify any differences between infected and non-infected beds)**
Non infected beds are cleaned in situ on the ward, infected beds also cleaned in situ post discharge. We use Actichlor plus for all our surface cleans and for infected areas we then fog the area using HPG (Hydrogen Peroxide Gas) with the bed included.
- **at what frequency (i.e. daily, weekly)**
Beds are cleaned once a week for non-infected beds and as part of the discharge clean for infected and non-infected beds.
- **and who cleans the beds (please specify if an external company or by trust nurses, healthcare assistants, etc)**
Facilities Services assistants
- **Please provide the trust's C-diff status - i.e. under trajectory, on trajectory, over trajectory**
We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply **Section 21** of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain on the following link:
[C. difficile infection: monthly data by prior trust exposure - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/c-difficile-infection-monthly-data-by-prior-trust-exposure)

Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information if it is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

• Please also provide copies of any recent IPC audits (from January 2023 to date) carried out by NHS England

Not applicable - no audits have been carried out by NHS England since January 2023.

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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