

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-089

16 February 2024

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

Please confirm the Trust holds the following data, and where it is held please provide the data as requested.

Male Hypogonadism Service

1. Please can you confirm the Trust operates a Male Hypogonadism Service?

Yes

2. Please provide a Service Specification, and/or service description and/or other documents that describe this service (whether standalone or integrated in a broader Service Specification)

Neuroendocrinology

Encompasses neuroendocrine tumours, adrenal disorders and familial endocrine syndromes. There are clear co-ordinated care pathways with a responsible multi-professional team including named individuals for HPB and adrenal surgery, oncology, radiology, histopathology, anaesthetics and clinical biochemistry. Bi-monthly neuroendocrine MDT meetings are held and there is a dedicated sub-specialty neuroendocrine tumour (NET) clinic.

Pituitary Disorders

Bi-monthly joint pituitary clinic and pituitary MDM on the Southmead site

Reproductive Endocrinology

Co-ordinated care pathways exist for all local and regional reproductive endocrinology referrals. These include patients with conditions such as Turner's syndrome and CAH. The patients may be seen in a variety of appropriate clinics (including a combined endocrinology/gynaecology clinic) depending upon their individual needs.

Specialist Thyroid/Ophthalmology Clinic

The BRI endocrine service offers a parallel clinic co-ordinated with ophthalmology for patients with thyroid eye disease to streamline their complex care.

Thyroid cancer services

Aftercare Service (including Endocrine Late Effects of Childhood Cancer Service)

This is a joint clinical service run with the paediatric oncologists dedicated to the care and support of teenagers and young adults who were treated for cancer or leukaemia (or certain related conditions) in childhood and during their teenage years. Most young adults who have been successfully treated for cancer live healthy lives, but some suffer from the long-term effects from their cancer or its treatment. Others are advised to have check-ups to ensure that they remain well. The endocrine component of this service provides expert advice for individuals whose cancer treatment has affected the function of their hormones. A combined clinic with endocrinology runs twice per month and a multi-disciplinary meeting (including paediatric oncology, nurse specialists, paediatric and adult endocrinology) is held monthly.

Antenatal Endocrinology

A weekly joint endocrine antenatal clinic is held at St Michael's Hospital, where all patients receive care from both the endocrinology and the obstetric team. In addition, as appropriate, the services of diabetes specialist nurses, a diabetes specialist midwife and a dietician are available. Referrals can be made to the

General/Secondary Care Endocrinology

The BRI service hosts weekly endocrine clinics offering the full range of secondary care endocrine services and expertise. All clinics are consultant supervised and all new and follow up patients are seen by a consultant or a senior specialist registrar. Any patients seen by a senior specialist registrar are discussed with a consultant to finalise the care plan.

Endocrine Specialist Nurse Clinics

Bristol Royal Infirmary's endocrine department have four adult endocrine nurse specialists who are nurse members of The Society for Endocrinology. The nurse specialists are available to offer advice and support to patients on a range of endocrine conditions including: disorders of the pituitary gland, disorders of the adrenal glands, disorders of the thyroid gland, neuroendocrine tumours and genetic endocrine conditions.

The endocrine nurse specialists are members of the multidisciplinary team for endocrinology, adrenals and neuroendocrine tumours, they also run their own nurse led endocrine clinics where they offer endocrine condition reviews, education, support and carry out diagnostic endocrine tests. They are also involved in the transition of paediatric endocrine patients to the adult service.

Inpatient Endocrine Service

The endocrinology team support inpatient care on weekdays to offer advice or an inpatient review. In addition, shared care with endocrinology is offered for all patients admitted for endocrine surgery to optimise quality, safety and to minimise as much as possible the requirement to stay in hospital. Appropriate care pathways and guidelines are in place.

3. What is the title of the clinician who is clinically responsible for patients seen in this service? What GMC specialist register is this clinician on?

There are five consultants who cover this service, all are on the speciality register.

4. Please provide any subspecialty pathways or protocols related to this service

There are no documents relating to this.

Endocrinology Service

1. Please can you confirm the Trust operates a Endocrinology Service?

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Please see the response to question 2.

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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.

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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