

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-280

24 August 2020

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 the information you are requesting.

Of the Covid-19 antibody tests conducted to date among staff at your trust, please provide information on:

1. The proportion of staff that are antibody positive.

Between 29/05/2020 and 07/08/2020, 8,687 members of staff have been tested and results reported for Covid-19 antibodies, of which 881 have tested positive (10.1%).

Please note that this test only shows if the person being tested is likely to have had the virus that causes Covid-19 in the past and whether their body has developed antibodies to the virus. It does not mean the person had Covid-19 at the time of the antibody test, or is immune to the virus.

2. The proportion of BAME staff who are antibody positive.

Information on ethnic group has not been provided by sufficient numbers of participants to be able to indicate prevalence of antibody positivity for any particular ethnic group and to manually collate this information would exceed the 18 hours' time limit for responding to requests for information making it exempt for disclosure under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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:

Director of Corporate Governance
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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