



Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-309

31 July 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 do not hold the information you are requesting.

1. How much money did your trust spend on the direct procurement of personal protective equipment in relation to covid-19 between 1 March 2020 and 31 May 2020?

Please provide a total figure for this period and a breakdown by month

PPE is a generic term spanning many product items and category areas making it difficult to extract verifiable, accurate and complete data from our spend analysis, therefore the Trust is unable to comply with this request.

In addition through the pandemic response, "PPE" was sourced through a number of different routes (directly sourced, centrally provided, charitable donation, and mutual aid support between different trusts) meaning that it would require us to contact all the department of the Trust for information. This would take the Trust more than 18 hours to complete and it is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 12 of the FOI 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
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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