

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 20-320**

18 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 do hold the information you are requesting.

**1. Is your cleaning managed in-house or outsourced to a private contractor?**

It is managed in-house.

(If in-house, please respond to questions 2-4, if outsourced, please respond to questions 5-7).

**2. What PPE do you provide to cleaners?**

Disposal aprons, googles, gloves, where applicable wellingtons and knee pads and FFP3 respirators in high risk areas.

**3. What training do you provide to cleaners on doffing and donning PPE?**

Cleaning staff receive the same training and guidance as the clinical teams for donning and doffing, furthermore infection control provides additional training for our cleaning staff within the high risk areas.

**4. Do you collect data on PPE's failure to protect cleaners?**

The Trust records fit testing results for respirators and if a certain model of respirator has not achieved a 'pass', this is recorded and another gets fit-tested until a 'pass' is achieved. Alternatively, the Trust supports that member of staff by not placing them in a high risk area.

**Is this data broken down by sex and ethnicity of the cleaners? Can you provide this data?**

We do not keep central records for the sex and ethnicity of staff that are fit tested, this is held locally by department managers and to collate this information would take more than 18 hours making it exempt for release under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**5. To whom is your cleaning outsourced?**

Cleaning is managed in-house therefore this question is not applicable.

**6. Can you provide a copy of the contract you have with them?**

Cleaning is managed in-house therefore this question is not applicable.

**7. Has this contract been amended in any way that affects the provision of PPE or training in the use of PPE for hospital cleaners since February 1, 2020? If so, how?**

Cleaning is managed in-house therefore this question is not applicable.

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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