

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 20-380

24 November 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. Do you employ AAs in the operating theatres?**
 - 1.1 How many qualified/trainees?**
 - 1.2 Working in which specific specialities/workstreams?**

- 2. Which is the predominant model of staffing regarding AAs in the operating theatre? Is it:**
 - a) One AA per theatre, with one consultant Anaesthetist?**
 - b) Two AAs per two theatres, with on consultant Anaesthetist covering both areas?**
 - c) One AA per two theatres, each with own consultant Anaesthetist?**
 - d) Other – please explain.**

- 3. Please briefly explain how the AA staffing model(s) works for the department.**

- 4. Have you monitored aspects relating to the implementation and consolidation of the AA role? If so, how? And would you be able to share audit results?**

- 5. Which roles/functions, if any, do AAs take on outside of the operating theatres in your institution?**

Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by 5. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

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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