

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-026**

22 January 2021

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. How many patients have been treated by your trust (for any medical condition) in the past 6 months with Bevacizumab?**
- 2. Please provide the number of patients treated in the past 6 months with Bevacizumab for the following conditions:**
- **Colorectal cancer**
  - **Breast cancer**
  - **Renal cell carcinoma**
  - **Non-small cell lung cancer**
  - **Ovarian cancer (epithelial, fallopian tube or primary peritoneal)**
  - **Carcinoma of the cervix**
- 3. Please provide the number of patients treated (for any medical condition) in the past 3 months with the following drugs:**
- **Alprolix**
  - **BeneFIX**
  - **Idelvion**
  - **Refixia**
  - **Rixubis**
  - **Veyvondi**
  - **Voncento**
  - **Wilate**
  - **Gene therapy (for Haemophilia B only)**

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust has deemed your request vexatious under Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 14(1) (vexatious). Before we go on to explain the rationale for this decision we would like to reassure you, the applicant, that this is not a reflection on you, nor the specific information requested.

The NHS is facing unprecedented challenges in relation to the current public health response to COVID 19. We have balanced the impact of the request against its purpose and value to determine whether the effect on us would or would be likely to cause a disproportionate or unjustified level disruption, irritation, or distress.

While, a request of this nature would not normally be considered vexatious for us to comply with, in this instance, the request, would, when considering the wider context and events of the time, impose a grossly oppressive burden and unjustified level of disruption in the resources which would need to be directed away from our response to respond to COVID-19.

We have considered the wider public good, for example the safety and wellbeing of the general population, against the legitimate purposes of the request, disclosure and transparency principles, and the current social events, and cannot justify the redirection of resources which would directly impact our COVID-19 response.

We do not carry out internal reviews in relation to information where Section 14(1) has been applied.

We would offer our sincere apologies for the outcome of your request and greatly appreciate your patience and understanding at this difficult time. We would encourage you to resubmit your request at a later date.

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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