

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-064

2 March 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 hold some the information you are requesting

What was the total number of surgical procedures completed by the Trust, per year, since 2015?

Year	Total
2015	- 35732
2016	- 34657
2017	- 35477
2018	- 35049
2019	- 35126
2020	- 23327

How many arthroscopic surgical procedures were performed by the Trust, per year, since 2015?

Year	Total
2015	- 164
2016	- 146
2017	- 142
2018	- 140
2019	- 127
2020	- 81

How many Trauma surgical procedures were performed by the Trust, per year, since 2015?

Year	Total
2015	- 2067
2016	- 1986
2017	- 1894
2018	- 1814

2019 - 1598

2020 - 1270

Theatre Patient records with an arrival time recorded on the system where Specialty = Trauma and Ortho Surg

NB This will therefore include orthopaedic patients as well as trauma patients

How many Urology surgical procedures were performed by the Trust, per year, since 2015?

Year Total

2015 - 343

2016 - 341

2017 - 0

2018 - 0

2019 - 0

2020 - 0

How many Gynaecology surgical procedures were performed by the Trust, per year, since 2015?

Year Total

2015 - 1983

2016 - 1753

2017 - 1796

2018 - 1743

2019 - 1815

2020 - 1506

How many operating theatres (including day case theatres) does the Trust have for the following specialities?:

Orthopaedics (including arthroplasty and arthroscopy): 2

Trauma: 1

Urology: 0

Gynaecology: 3

What number of Health Care Workers reported an incidence of exposure to blood and body fluids (BBF) in theatre, per year, since 2015?

The Trust is only able to provide data from 2017 onwards

2017 - 18

2018 - 65

2019 - 37

2020 - 45

What is the treatment for a Health Care worker with a reported incidence of exposure to BBF?

Please see the attached document

What is the average cost to treat a Health Care worker with a reported incidence of exposure to BBF?

The Trust does not hold that information

What is the number of working days (or hours) lost due to musculoskeletal disorders (MS) injuries by members of staff working in theatres, per year, since 2015?

Sickness Absence reasons included

Musculo-skeletal Back; Musculo-skeletal Neck; Musculo-skeletal Other Joint, Lower Limb; S11 Back Problems; S12 Other musculoskeletal problems

Year	Sickness Absence FTE Days	Available FTE Days	% Sickness Absence Rate	Number of Absence Occurrences
2020	1,527	146,144	1.04%	128
2019	2,315	141,681	1.63%	172
2018	1,970	141,676	1.39%	153
2017	1,915	138,215	1.39%	159
2016	1,912	133,035	1.44%	145
2015	2,288	130,189	1.76%	121

What is the cost of losing these work days (or hours), per year, since 2015?

Due to the number of years and the number of systems we would have to look at this request would exceed the 18 hour time limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

What is your Trusts annual agency spend on theatre staff, by year since 2015?

2015 - £644k.

2016 - £735k.

2017 - £871k.

2018 - £1,189k

2019 - £1,120k.

2020 - £633k.

What are the top three reasons for using agency staff in theatres?

The Trusts main reason for using agency staff are

Hard to recruit to vacant posts and covering long term sickness that can not be covered with bank or overtime

What is your current policy regarding surgical smoke/plume in theatres?

We don't have a policy, there is a risk on the risk register

Do you have a Waste Management Officer and if so, who are they and how can they be contacted?

Yes, Joaquim Duarte (Sustainable Waste Manager) Joaquim.duarte@uhbw.nhs.uk

What is the annual spend per annum on Waste Management for the Trust?

£714,661

What volume of clinical waste is produced by the Trust, per year, since 2015?

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Non-infectious clinical waste disposal	491.46	464.3	458.2	186.82	78.13
clinical waste disposal	501.8	554.5	492.8	756.43	912.47

What percentage of clinical waste is produced by theatres?

Not known, waste data is not captured by area

What is the cost £/tonne for disposing of clinical waste?

Offensive Waste - £320

Alternative Treatment - £450

High Temperature Incineration - £700

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.

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Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
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Yours sincerely

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