

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-180

5 May 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. Since January 30 2020 to today's date, have you commissioned or received a Royal College invited review? Please give details of date commissioned/received, the royal college involved and the service under review.

In February 2020, Royal College of Surgeons was invited to carry out a review of Hepatobiliary Surgical Services. The terms of reference of the review included facilities and resources, team working and interpersonal behaviours, multidisciplinary team (MDT) processes, clinical workload, clinical governance, trainee support and interactions with management.

2. Where you have received a report, please attach it along with any action plan you have developed.

Please note that full reports are not published as they contain sensitive and confidential information. We are therefore unable to provide the information you require as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trust's obligations under the Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

We would draw your attention to the framework drawn up by the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges under which invited reviews are carried out. [Invited_reviews_210116.pdf](#) (aomrc.org.uk). Page 21 of this stresses the need for openness and transparency when an invited review is in response to concerns about the quality of patient care.

3. Please detail how you have complied with this eg by pointing us to the required summary in your board papers or on your website.

We do hold the requested information; however, under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act the Trust is exempt from disclosing the information as it is intended for future

publication.

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

Publication

Please note that this letter and the information included/attached will be published on our website as part of the Trust's Freedom of Information Publication Log. This is because information disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act is disclosed to the public, not just to the individual making the request. We will remove any personal information (such as your name, email and so on) from any information we make public to protect your personal information.

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely

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