

Ref: 21-202

Freedom of Information Request

23 April 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

Can you please provide me with the name, contact number & email address of the person responsible for agreeing temporary nursing agency contracts for your Trust? Peter Russell, Head of Resourcing – 01173425000 – peter.russell3@uhbw.nhs.uk

Please list your current employment agencies that you are using, how often you are currently using temporary agencies for nursing staff.

The Trust uses Geometric Results Inc as a neutral vendor for the supply of agency nurses. Along with the above information can you please provide details on how often this is reviewed and the trusts current/future plans for recruitment agencies? This contract is re-tendered in line with the end of the contract.

Finally if you can also provide details of the names of the decision makers who ultimately decide which agencies the Trust use?

As a neutral vendor, Geometric Results Inc will be constantly reviewing the panel of agencies provided under that model.

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 BS1 3NU

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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