

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-367**

13 July 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. Please can you tell me how many patients have been removed from waiting lists at the trust because they have died, for each of the following years:**
    - a) 2021 to date - 144
    - b) 2020 - 282
    - c) 2019 - 214
    - d) 2018 - 204
    - e) 2017 - 218

- 2. Please also tell me whether the trust has any policies to limit the number of new referrals for any of the following procedures:**

- a) Hernia repair
- b) Cataract surgery
- c) Hip and knee replacements

The Trust follows guidance from Bristol, North Somerset & South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG CCG)

- 3. If yes to question 2, please could you provide more details and also let me know when these policies came into place?**

Hernia repair –

<https://bnssgccg.nhs.uk/individual-funding-requests-ifr/individual-funding-requests-directory/hernia-repair-in-adults/>

22nd December 2017

Cataract surgery-

<https://bnssgccg.nhs.uk/individual-funding-requests-ifr/individual-funding-requests-directory/cataract-referral/>

1st September 2019

Hip and knee replacements:

<https://bnssgccg.nhs.uk/individual-funding-requests-ifr/individual-funding-requests-directory/hip-replacement-surgery/>

1st September 2019

<https://bnssgccg.nhs.uk/individual-funding-requests-ifr/individual-funding-requests-directory/knee-replacement-surgery-including-partial-and-total-knee-replacement-with-or-without-patella-replacement-or-resurfacing/>

1st September 2019

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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