

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-380**

19 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

**What was the protocol in May 2014 in relation to providing prophylaxis for prevention of Toxoplasmosis reactivation following a haematopoietic stem cell transplant (HSCT) in a IgG positive adolescent patient at the University Hospital Bristol?**

2014 guidelines does not mention Prophylaxis, please see the old guidelines Allogenic BMT Support Guidelines PDF Attached

**I would also like to know if this protocol has been changed since May 2014, if it has, what is the new protocol and what was the date the new protocol introduced?**

Yes, the current guidelines state to use Azithromycin for Toxoplasmosis as Prophylaxis.

Practice has been to use Co-trimoxazole orally Monday, Wednesday, Friday during conditioning, from day of admission till engraftment. The Trust had adopted a case by case approach in-between the time of the protocol in 2014 ending and protocol being changed in 2020

Please see the new guidelines PDF attached

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  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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