

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-384**

10 August 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. Is there a separate waiting area for vulnerable adults with learning difficulties?**

Quieter areas/cubicles are made available as required. We do not have a formal Learning Difficulties waiting room (destigmatising)

**2. Are responsible adults allowed to accompany vulnerable adults with learning difficulties when they are seen by clinical staff in ED?**

Yes

**3. Are carers welcome to provide care if needed?**

Yes

**4. Does your Trust have policies in place to assess capacity to consent to investigations and treatment for adults with learning disabilities? If so, could you supply me with a copy of these policies?**

Yes

**5. Do you have policies relating to the administration of treatment/pain relief when an adult with learning disability is unable to consent? If so, please could I request a copy of these policies?**

Please see the attached documents

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

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Yours sincerely

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