

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-516

4 October 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

Data about payments made by the Trust to external suppliers for purchases of goods and services between 2020-01-01 and 2020-12-31. I understand that information about items of spending over £25,000 is published on your website. I would like to request some complementary information, if possible. What I am requesting is a compiled list of your external suppliers which contains the following variables:

-The name of the supplier

-The total amount paid to the supplier during the year 2020 for purchases of goods and services. The amounts can either be including or excluding VAT. This request only regards suppliers to whom the organisation has paid £5,000 or more during 2020.

We publish spending over £25,000 on our Trust website on the following link

<https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/p/about-us/what-we-spend-and-how-we-spend-it>

Further complimentary information is considered commercially sensitive and would take a long time to review and remove the sensitive information. The Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

We have considered whether it would be in the public interest for us to provide you with the requested information, despite the exemption being applicable. In this case, we have concluded that the public interest favours withholding the information. We reached the view that, on balance, the public interest is better served by withholding this information under Sections 43 of the Freedom of Information Act at this time.

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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