

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-553

18 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
- Name of Trust - University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust
- Contact email address - occupationalhealth@uhbw.nhs.uk
- Contact phone number – Not applicable

1) Does your occupational health department have any departmental guidelines relating to pregnant staff who work in theatre in order to protect the health of the mother and baby from radiation and other harmful substances? Yes/No

No

2) If yes to (1), please provide these guidelines or policies in full as a single PDF.

Not applicable

3) Does your theatre department have any department-specific guidelines for pregnant staff who work in theatre in order to protect the health of the mother and baby from radiation and other harmful substances? Yes/No

There is a full robust system for pregnancy risk assessments to be undertaken by line managers held by Health & Safety. Section 8 in the RA Tool relates to ionising radiation (attached) Also attached the Trusts ionising radiation policy.

4) If yes to (3), please provide these guidelines or policies in full as a single PDF.

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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