

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-608

1 December 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 hold some the information you are requesting

How many staff members were recorded to have had long Covid while working for your trust at any time in the period between March 2020 - September 2021?

We do not hold this information

What were the five longest periods in days that a member of staff took a leave of absence due to long Covid in the time period between March 2020 - September 2021?

We do not hold this information

Could you state all leave of absences taken where long Covid was cited as the cause between March 2020 and September 2021.

We do not hold this information

Does your trust offer any specialised support for staff members living with long Covid? If so could you please provide details of these services.

Occupational health support via Avon Partnership Occupational Health Service (APOHS), support is provided to enable employees to remain in work or to be supported to return to the workplace and

Referral to the Healthier Together Support Network which is hosted by APOHS. This service is delivered by Clinical Psychologists and offers a group intervention programme involving a series of ten interactive sessions. The programme is designed to support psychological adjustment and self-management of Long Covid. The group encourages active participation and provides a space for facilitated peer-support.

<https://bnssghealthiertogether.org.uk/long-covid-group/>

What plans, if any, are in place to improve the support available to staff members who are living with long Covid while working for your trust?

We do not hold this information

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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