

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-658**

20 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 do hold the information you are requesting

**1. What is your policy related to partners attending routine outpatient appointments and planned scans with pregnant women before birth?**

**2. What is your policy related to partners attending unplanned outpatient appointments and scans with pregnant women before birth?**

**3. What is your policy related to partners being with pregnant women during any induction of labour?**

**4. What is your policy related to partners being with pregnant women while giving birth in a delivery suite, antenatal ward or birth centre?**

**5.**

**What is your policy related to the amount of time partners are able to stay on the antenatal ward/delivery suite and/or birth centre after birth?**

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**What is your policy related to partners being with new mothers and their babies on postnatal wards?**

**7. If partners are allowed on postnatal wards only during certain visiting hours please can you state what these hours are?**

**8. What is your policy related to partners being with new mothers and their babies in the newborn intensive care unit? If there are also policies regarding the mother's hours allowed in these units please can you also state these?**

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply Section 21 of the

FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain on the following link:  
<http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/your-hospitals/st-michaels-hospital/covid-19-update/>

Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information 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

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Yours sincerely

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