

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-040

26 January 2022

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

- the number of people currently waiting for non-urgent hospital treatment

As of Monday 24th we have 6155 patients.

These are patients who are on an admitted pathway (i.e. that have had a decision to treat and are awaiting admission for treatment) and have been classed as Priority 4 according to Royal College of Surgeons guidance. Priority 4 patients have been assessed by a clinician as appropriate to wait longer than 3 months for their surgery

- the latest copy of the plan to tackle this waiting list (this could be a project plan in gantt chart format or product flow format or it could be an OGIM type document (Objectives, Goals, Initiatives, Metrics))

There isn't a single action plan concerning elective recovery – the agenda is very broad and some matters are being led by the system and some the trust.

- the latest copy of an internal document describing progress against plan to tackle this waiting list.

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:

https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/trust_public_board_meeting_papers_28012022.pdf

Section 9.1 is the IQPR information regarding waiting times. 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
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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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