

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-057

28 February 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

How many operating theatres (including day case theatres) does the Trust have for the following specialities broken down by each hospital?:

Orthopaedics (including arthroplasty and arthroscopy):

2

Trauma:

2

Urology:

We do not hold this information, North Bristol Trust provide Urology treatment, please contact their FOI team on foi@nbt.nhs.uk

Gynaecology:

We have the following number of gynae half day operating theatre sessions in the timetable each week:

Weston: 4

St Michael's: 14.5

Hey Groves, BRI: 0.5

We do not have any designated gynae theatres that are used just for gynae, as the theatres in Weston and at St Michael's and Hey Groves have other specialties using the theatres within the weekly timetable.

How many arthroscopic surgical procedures were performed by the Trust, per year, since 2017?

2019 - 93

2020 - 62

2021 - 140

How many Urology surgical procedures were performed by the Trust, per year, since 2017?

We do not hold this information, North Bristol Trust provide Urology treatment, please contact their FOI team on foi@nbt.nhs.uk

What number of Health Care Workers reported an incidence of exposure to blood and body fluids (BBF) in theatre, per year, since 2015?

We can only provide data from the last three years

2019 - 36

2020 - 42

2021 - 34

What is the treatment for a Health Care worker with a reported incidence of exposure to BBF?

Please see the attached Management of exposure SOP

What is the average cost to treat a Health Care worker with a reported incidence of exposure to BBF?

It is difficult to give an idea of the average cost of managing a contamination injury as there are so many variables depending on the nature of the injury itself and the tests required. The Trust is charged £34 per capita for the management of an exposure to a BBF.

These are our charges for managing an exposure to a BBF (contamination injury) as per our 2021 Tariff

Contamination Injury

Access to advice-line (Annual) up to 100 Employees £350.00

Contamination Incident Initial Contact £60.00

Contamination injury-24 week follow up bloods appointment £17.00

Contamination injury-6 week follow up bloods appointment £17.00

Contamination injury - follow up bloods appointment £18.00

Contamination injury-full blood count - new £60.00

Contamination injury-PEP drug pack £227.00

Contamination injury-HIV antibodies - new £63.00

Contamination injury-liver function tests - new £72.00

Hepatitis B Blood test - e Antigen £52.00

Hepatitis B Blood test - surface Antigen £52.00

Hepatitis B Vaccination (4 Doses required) £35.00

HIV Antibodies £84.00

Source patient blood results £16.00

Storage blood - recipient £21.00

Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) £227.00

Urea And Electrolytes £85.00

Storage blood - recipient £21.00

What is the number of working days (or hours) lost due to musculoskeletal disorders (MS) injuries by members of staff working in theatres, per year, since 2015?

Hours Lost	Absence Reason		
	S11 Back Problems	S12 Other musculoskeletal problems	Grand Total
2019	1,377	5,392	6,769
2020	1,040	3,760	4,799
2021	1,833	6,475	8,307
Grand Total	4,249	15,626	19,875

What is the cost of losing these work days (or hours), per year, since 2015?

Estimated Cost for Sickness	Absence Reason		
	S11 Back Problems	S12 Other musculoskeletal problems	Grand Total
2019	£19,886	£81,792	£101,679
2020	£15,099	£55,481	£70,580
2021	£23,830	£85,088	£108,918
Grand Total	£58,815	£222,361	£281,176

What is your Trusts annual agency spend on theatre staff, by year since 2015?

2019 - £607,927

2020 - £611,794

2021 - £593,637

What are the top three reasons for using agency staff in theatres?

- 1) - Vacancy
- 2) - Unplanned Short term sickness
- 3) - Additional cover required.

What is your current policy regarding surgical smoke/plume in theatres?

We do not hold this information

What is the annual spend per annum on Waste Management for the Trust?

£618,664.07

What volume of clinical waste is produced by the Trust, per year, since 2015?

HTI-

19-20- 315t

20-21- 340t
AT-
19-20-581t
20-21-868t

What percentage of clinical waste is produced by theatres?

We do not hold this information

What is the cost £/tonne for disposing of clinical waste?

HTI-£735
AT-£472

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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