

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 22-070**

14 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

**We seek information about the evaluation and care given to those with Disorders of Sex Development. In particular, we would like to know more about the number of international referral requests received by your trust from Malta.**

**We have put together a list of questions, which we would be grateful if you could answer in this order:**

**1) Since 2015, how many children receiving diagnostic tests and/or treatment for DSDs have been referred to this trust from Malta?**

Zero (0)

**2) Of these children, how many are government-sponsored patients? How many pay privately?**

Not applicable

**3) Of these referrals, how many have undergone genital surgeries?**

Not applicable

**4) Which specific DSDs have been referred from Malta? (e.g. Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia, Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome, Turners Syndrome). If possible, please list them.**

Not applicable

**5) Are there specific legal or ethical guidelines tailored for Maltese patients?**

No

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  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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