

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-087

7 March 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 hold some of the information you are requesting

1. How many times in the following years has surgical decompression (lumbar decompression) for Cauda Equina been carried out at the Trust?

- a. 2019/20**
- b. 2020/21**
- c. 2021/22**

All Cauda Equina and other spinal surgery is completed at North Bristol Trust (Freedom of Information email address is foi@nbt.nhs.uk)

2. Is the on-site MRI unit open and available to patients 24 hours a day? If not, when does it close?

Site Opening Hours

Site	Opening Hours
Weston	Monday - Friday 8:30am -5:15pm
South Bristol Community Hospital	Monday – Thursday – 7am to 7pm
Bristol Royal Infirmary 1	Monday – Friday 7am to 7pm
Bristol Royal Infirmary 2	Monday – Friday 7am to 7pm
Bristol Royal Children's Hospital 1	Monday - Friday 8:30am to 5:15pm
Bristol Royal Children's Hospital 2	Monday - Friday 8:30am to 5:15pm
Bristol Heart Institute	Monday – Friday 7am to 7pm
Clinical Research and Imaging Centre (based at St Michael's Hospital)	Monday - Friday 8:30am to 5:15pm

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

Publication

Please note that this letter and the information included/attached will be published on our website as part of the Trust's Freedom of Information Publication Log. This is because information disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act is disclosed to the public, not just to the individual making the request. We will remove any personal information (such as your name, email and so on) from any information we make public to protect your personal information.

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Yours sincerely

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