

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-165

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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 are currently running a study examining Covid 19 guidelines in different NHS hospital trusts. Could you please reply to this email attaching a copy of your hospital's full local guidelines on the following topics.

- **Current local guidelines for the treatment and management of Covid 19.**

The COVID-19/respiratory pathway management pack is via the link below that provides the essential information requested.

<http://nww.avon.nhs.uk/dms/Download.aspx?r=1&did=24981&f=Covid19InfectionControlInformationPack-7.pdf>

- **Current local infection control guidelines regarding testing and quarantining/isolation of Covid positive patients.**

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In terms of testing - there are pending national guidance changes to testing. We are compliant with the national approach currently, some of which is explained above but in summary:

- All emergency admissions tested by point of care assessments and if admitted as inpatient by PCR. Inpatients are screened on day 3 and day 7.
- All elective patients are screened pre-admission and then follow on for admission.
- Patient discharged to care homes are PCR tested.

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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