

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-166

3 May 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

Bristol & Weston Patient Transport Services:

The details we require are:

1. Start date & duration of framework/contract across Bristol & Weston incl. The University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust?

Non-emergency patient transport (NEPTS) is commissioned by Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG), rather than University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW), and therefore there is a diverse range of providers and services relating to patients attending our sites. In addition, UHBW has a no-guaranteed-activity contract in place with Bristol Ambulance EMS, to ensure appropriate governance is in place for any journeys required which are outside the scope or capacity of the CCG-commissioned providers. This contract has been in place since 2020 and runs for five years with an option for a two year extension.

2. Actual spend across contract /framework (and any sub lots), from the start of the contract to the current date?

The responsibility for funding NEPTS journeys sits with a patient's Clinical Commissioning Group.

3. Is there an extension clause in the framework(s)/contract(s) and, if so, the duration of the extension?

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4. Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s) / contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?

Not applicable.

5. Based on the above can you confirm when the Bristol & Weston procurement is expected to take place?

Not applicable.

6. Can you confirm whether the Authority intend to conduct a market engagement event prior to the procurement process?

Not applicable.

7. Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG)s each have a contract lead.

Claire Hepden, UHBW Patient Transport Lead, is the senior officer responsible for University Hospitals Bristol and Weston's ad hoc patient transport contract.

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:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
BS1 3NU

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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