

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 22-221**

6 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 do hold the information you are requesting

**1. On behalf of which Trust are you responding?**

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust

**Part 1 – Internal Referral Pathways and screening tools**

**2. Does your trust have an internal referral pathway to rheumatology from:**

**a) Dermatology**

- Yes Yes  
 No  
 Not sure / don't know

**b) Gastroenterology**

- Yes Yes  
 No  
 Not sure / don't know

**c) Ophthalmology**

- Yes Yes  
 No  
 Not sure / don't know

**3. Please give details of any standard internal pathways in place. Please attach any documents to support this.**

This is a written referral either on letter or EPR following internal pathways.

**4. What referral protocols are in place? e.g. are patients referred back to the GP with**

**consideration / instruction to refer onward for rheumatology opinion.**

Referrals can come direct from other specialities when required.

Referrals from ophthalmology to rheumatology are made both via GP and directly between ophthalmology and rheumatology depending on urgency, the nature of the referral question and where the patient lives.

**5. Does your trust utilise any screening tools such as Dublin Uveitis Evaluation Tool (DUET) or Psoriasis Epidemiology Screening Tool (PEST):**

**Yes** Yes, please see the attached document.

**No**

**Not sure / don't know**

**6. Please give details of any screening tools in place. Please attach any documents to support this.**

**We use nationally recognised screening tools when required, such as PEST.**

**Part 2 – Internal referral volumes**

**7. Are you able to track internal referral volumes on your systems?**

**Yes** Yes

**No**

**Not sure / don't know** Not sure

**8. How often do you receive referrals for suspected axial SpA in rheumatology from:**

**a) Dermatology**

**Weekly**

**Monthly** Monthly

**Quarterly**

**Less often**

**Never**

**b) Gastroenterology**

**Weekly**

**Monthly** Monthly

**Quarterly**

**Less often**

**Never**

**c) Ophthalmology**

**Weekly**

- Monthly** Monthly
- Quarterly**
- Less often**
- Never**

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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