

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-223

17 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. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for Cataract surgery within your trust.

768

2. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for cataract surgery between 18 weeks - 51 weeks within your trust.

331

3. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for cataract surgery between 52 weeks - 103 weeks within your trust.

31

4. Please provide the total number of patients waiting for cataract surgery over 104 weeks within your trust.

0

5. Please answer yes or no. Are you currently using any sub-contractors to support with any backlog of Cataract patients within your trust.

Yes

6. Please answer yes or no. Have you used, any sub-contractors to support with any backlog of Cataract patients within your trust.

Yes

7. Please answer yes or no. Have you transferred any Cataract patients into the care of another provider? Eg: IPT

Yes

8. If yes to question 5, 6 or 7, please provide the name and location of the provider (s) you have used or are using.

The Trust are subcontracting to GLANSO. Inter Patient Transfers to New Medica and SPA Medica via RSS.

9. If yes to question 5 or 6 please provide the total number of completed cataract surgeries they have done for you in 2020/21 and 2021/22 (to date).

2020/21 803

2021/22 989

April 2022 to date 54

10. If yes to question 7, please provide total number of patients transferred, by provider. 2020/21

803 New Medica

2021/22

636 New Medica

123 Emersons Green

34 Somerset Surgical Services

196 Spa Medica

2022/23 YTD

* New Medica

51 Spa Medica

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by *. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

11. If no to question 9, please provide a reason for not using other providers to support with any backlog within your Trust.

Not applicable.

12. Please confirm the total number of days a week you deliver cataract surgery within your Trust.

Five days Monday to Friday, six or seven when including weekend subcontracting work.

13. Please confirm how many cataract patients you expect to see on each of the days you deliver cataract surgery within your Trust.

Monday 16
Tuesday 6
Wednesday 25
Thursday 6
Friday 17
Saturday or Sunday (variable 16-32)

14. Please provide the name and contact details for the individual (s) accountable for contracting these services within your Trust.

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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
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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

Freedom of Information Team

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