

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-225

24 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. Does the Trust allow pregnant women to have a partner present at antenatal appointments?

Yes.

2. Does the Trust allow pregnant women to have a partner present at scans?

Yes.

3. Does the Trust allow pregnant women to have a birthing partner present during labour? If so, at what point and how many?

Yes. Two partners when in established labour.

4. Does the Trust allow pregnant women to have a birthing partner present during birth? If so, at what point and how many?

Yes. Two partners when they are in active labour on the delivery suite.

5. Has the Covid Pandemic resulted in the Trust having to reduce the number of partners present at appointments, scans, labour or birth in the last two years? If so, has this yet returned to pre-pandemic procedure?

Yes this was reduced but has now returned to the pre-pandemic situation.

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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