

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-290

5 July 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. How many paediatric theatres were available for use by paediatric services in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021. (I understand following our meeting in January 2022 that there were 9 paediatric theatres available to paediatric services in 2022)

In 2012 – 2014, Bristol Royal Children's Hospital housed four operating theatres plus a cardiac catheter laboratory. Of note we also accessed additional capacity in the operating theatre based in the oncology centre for two days per week during this period.

The CSP programme (Centralisation of Specialist Paediatric Services) supported the transfer of services from Frenchay Hospital to Bristol Royal Children's Hospital in May 2015, with an expansion of the operating department in Bristol Royal Children's Hospital to eight paediatric theatres plus a hybrid catheter lab – a total of nine operating environments.

The implementation of full service took place in a phased programme during 2014, with two of the new theatre builds in the Terrell Street block not available until September 2014.

2105 – present, Bristol Royal Children's Hospital houses eight paediatric theatres plus a paediatric hybrid catheter lab.

2. What were the capacity and demand figures for use of paediatric theatres in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021?

Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

3. What due diligence was carried out to assess capacity/demand for the planned increase in paediatric theatre usage following the transfer of services from Frenchay to the BRI?

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4. Are these due diligence documents regarding capacity/demand for paediatric theatre use available for publication?

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5. Were the number of paediatric theatres and/or paediatric theatre capacity increased following the transfer of services from Frenchay to BRI?

Please see the response to question 1 above.

6. Has UHBW been prioritising local waiting list pressures in orthopaedics over nationally commissioned services?

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust prioritise all patients, irrespective of what procedure is required, based on the clinical urgency of the patient and we follow the national guidance from the Royal College of Surgeons, followed by the patients waiting time (longest wait first) and then finally chronological order.

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

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Yours sincerely

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