

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-300

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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

Could you provide the information individually for

- 1. Bristol Royal Hospital for Children**
- 2. Bristol Royal Infirmary Sleep Unit, B301**

1 How many Obstructive Sleep Apnoea home sleep studies do you perform per week? (approx.)

Bristol Royal Hospital for Children:

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.

Bristol Royal Infirmary: *

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).

2 In your Sleep and Respiratory Services which diagnostic methods (not brand) do you routinely use (first-line) for the diagnosis of Obstructive Sleep Apnoea? (e.g.

Polysomnography, polygraphy, Oximetry) (Could be multiple choice)

Polysomnography

Polygraphy

Peripheral Arterial Tonometry (PAT)

Oximetry

Other (please state)

Bristol Royal Hospital for Children: Oximetry, oxicapnography and polygraphy

Bristol Royal Infirmary: Oximetry and polysomnography

3 For the diagnosis of Obstructive Sleep Apnoea, which manufacturer's technology do you use? (e.g. ResMed, Nox, Nonin, Watch PAT Itamar) (Could be multiple choice)

Bristol Royal Hospital for Children:

Masimo, Radiometer and Somnomedics

Bristol Royal Infirmary:

ResMed, Watch PAT (Itamar), Sefam, Philips

4 For sleep apnoea home sleep studies, how do you most commonly provide diagnostic equipment to patients? (e.g. Patient collects, courier, combination)

Sent via courier, pickup and drop off

Combination of in-person and courier (patient preference)

Via third party service provider

Other

Bristol Children's Hospital:

For home studies run through puzzle wood the parent/carer picks up and drops off.

Bristol Royal Infirmary:

The patient (or representative) picks up and drop off from the clinic

5 In your service, please indicate the approximate percentage (%) of new patients who are setup with a CPAP device via:

Face to face setup (patient in hospital)

Virtual telephone/video call setup (patient at home) %

Self-guided, using instructions provided with the device (patient at home) %

Via third party service provider %

Other (please state) %

Bristol Royal Children's Hospital:

Face to face setup (patient in hospital) 35%

Virtual Nurse led clinic (which includes aspects of the remaining breakdown options above) - 65%

Bristol Royal Infirmary:

Face to face setup (patient in hospital) 95%

Virtual telephone/video call setup (patient at home)/Self-guided, using instructions provided with the device (patient at home) 5% (Patients are sent the device with instructions but are

also booked a virtual appointment after delivery to run through the set up).

6 During the first 90 days of CPAP therapy, on average how many times do you proactively follow-up with patients to support them?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5

Bristol Royal Children's Hospital:

One virtual outpatient clinic appointment then an inpatient admission consisting of between 3-5 days / nurse led clinic set up: 7 points of contact, 3 telephone calls and 3 face to face nurse led clinic outpatient appointments.

Bristol Royal Infirmary:

Once.

7 For the ongoing management of compliant Obstructive Sleep Apnoea patients, what is your most common follow-up process? (e.g. scheduled virtual follow-up, scheduled face to face follow up, reactive)

PIFU (patient initiated follow up) / Active discharge

Scheduled face to face follow-up

Scheduled virtual follow-up (telephone/video call)

No follow ups offered

Other (please state)

Bristol Royal Children's Hospital:

Once established there is a routine follow up with their consultant, and for unexpected episodes requiring reactive management the patient / family or CCN can request a nurse led clinic appointment which can be face to face or virtual.

Bristol Royal Infirmary:

Scheduled face-to-face follow-up

Scheduled virtual follow-up (telephone/video call)

8 How do you most commonly distribute CPAP consumables and accessories (masks, tubing etc.) to patients? (e.g. Patient collects, post)

Patient collects from the clinic

Via post / courier

Third-party service provider

Other (please state)

Bristol Royal Children's Hospital:

The community nursing teams are responsible for day-to-day stock management of vent consumables, however if they are seen in hospital, we will supplement equipment which is damaged or suboptimal and cross charge the community team as necessary. We occasionally respond to teams who are absent of items and post / courier but this is infrequent.

Bristol Royal Infirmary:
Patient collects from the clinic.
Via post/courier.

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
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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

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