

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-365

18 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

in the financial years a) 2020/21 and b) 2021/22

1) How many incidents were reported by your Trust on the Datix incident reporting system under the category 'MRI safety'?

2020/21 - 9

2021-2022 - 12

2) How many of these MRI safety Datix incident reports were listed under the division, 'MRI Non Declared Internal Passive Metallic Implant'?

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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).

3) How many of these MRI safety Datix incident reports were under the division 'MRI Non Declared Internal Active Metallic Implant'?

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For all of the incidents captured under 2 and 3 above in 2020/21 and 2021/22, can you please provide a verbatim copy of the description of the adverse event? To avoid running into Section 40 exemptions, please redact any person identifiable information. Note: The above is based on the understanding of MRI reporting procedures I derived from reading the following webpage: <https://www.mriphysics.scot.nhs.uk/reporting-incidents-and-near-misses/>. If the terminology used by your Trust is slightly different, please give me the nearest equivalent.

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4a) Finally, can you please tell me if MRI scanner(s) at your Trust have at any point needed to be temporarily left out of service due to supply chain issues impacting access to helium in 2021/22? If the answer to this question is YES, please also tell me
Zero

4b) How many machines were affected by the helium shortage?

Not applicable

4c) In which hospitals/buildings do those machine(s) operate?

Not applicable

4d) How long were the machine(s) out of action as a result of the helium shortage?

Not applicable

4e) How many patients were affected by the MRI scanner outage?

Not applicable

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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