

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-371

16 August 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. What is the name of your Heart Failure Service?

Bristol Royal Infirmary Heart Failure Service.

2. Population served by the Heart Failure Service?

2. Population of 300,000 secondary care patients and 1.2m tertiary care.

3. What is the service setting?

a) Acute hospital b) Community hospital

c) Integrated care

d) Primary care

Acute hospital.

4. Approximate case load of Heart Failure patients seen per week?

Approximately 17 admissions with an inpatient episode with a Heart Failure Diagnosis in primary position per week

Approximately 131 admissions with an inpatient episode with a Heart Failure Diagnosis in any position. We also have additional outpatient heart failure services.

5. Number of follow ups in 2021/22?

Approximately 112 admissions with an inpatient episode with a Heart Failure diagnosis in primary Position in 2021 that attended a follow up outpatient appointment in Cardiology or Cardiac Surgery within 180 days of discharge.

Approximately 995 admissions with an inpatient episode with a Heart Failure diagnosis in any position in 2021 that attended a follow up outpatient appointment in Cardiology or Cardiac Surgery within 180 days of discharge.

6. Which populations do you provide the following services for and are you commissioned for these services?

a) Heart Failure with preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF)

Yes.

b) Heart Failure with reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF)

Yes.

7. Staff dedicated to Heart Failure:

a) Number of Heart Failure consultants (pa's) 1.8 WTE

b) Number of Heart Failure nurses (WTE) 2.0 WTE

c) Number of Heart Failure Pharmacists (WTE) 0

8. Which of these (a to g) does your NHS organisation have?

a) Access to open access ECHO No

b) Access to Cardiac rehab? Yes

c) HF Multi Disciplinary Team (MDT) Yes

d) Cardiologist Non HF specialist Yes

e) Cardiologist HF specialist Yes

f) Cardiology Pharmacist Yes

g) GPwER (previously called GPwSI) No

9. Which of the following (h to n) service models do you provide?

h) Acute inpatient Yes

i) HF outpatient Yes

j) Hospital based ambulatory heart failure unit No

k) Community based ambulatory heart failure unit No

l) Home based service / care No

m) Community based clinic No

n) Heart Failure virtual ward No

10. Do you believe that the current service specification adequately reflects the range and volume of activity your service provides? (Yes / No)

No.

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.

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Data Protection Officer

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust

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Yours sincerely

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