

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-406

27 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

I wish to find out the process for clinical effectiveness within your Trust:

1) Please can you tell me how your Trust monitors and demonstrates its clinical effectiveness.

Within the Trust clinical effectiveness is demonstrated through a range of activity and processes, this is outlined in the Trust Annual Quality Account:

https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/uhbw_quality_account_2021-22_-_final.pdf

As part of this, there are governance processes in place around the introduction of new interventions and implementation of NICE guidance and national guidance which are specifically within the role of the Trust's Clinical Effectiveness Group.

2) Do you have a clinical effectiveness committee and if yes who attends this meeting (job title only) and what is the structure of the meeting and how often do they occur.

The Trust has a Clinical Effectiveness Group, chaired by a Consultant in Intensive Care. Other members of the group include Clinical Audit & Effectiveness Manager, NICE Manager, Head of Quality and Patient Experience, representation from commissioning and planning, library services, pharmacy and Clinical Effectiveness leads within Divisions. This meeting covers NICE Guidance (mapping and receiving /reviewing assessments of compliance); assurance/compliance against recommendations from NEPOD and other national bodies; review of applications to introduce new interventional procedures; review of Trustwide clinical guidelines/standard operating procedures (SOPs) and review of corporate risks relating to clinical effectiveness. The group meet once a month under usual circumstances.

3) Are any reports written as part of clinical effectiveness, if so what are they and what is their structure, and how often are they written and where are they presented to.

Reports written cover the above activity and are presented to the Group. Clinical Effectiveness Group activity forms part of a quarterly report to the Trust Clinical Quality Group. A report to

the Trust Quality Outcomes Committee (Non-Executive Director led) specifically on NICE guidance (assurance of implementation) is also produced quarterly.

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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