

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-481

22 September 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

Please could you send me under the FOI act any pathway or guidance the hospital has for treating children with PANS or PANDAS including treatment options? Please could you also let me know which teams would treat these cohort of children and whether an MDT would be needed and who would be part of the MDT?

Please see the link below for the BPNA (British Paediatric Neurology Association) Consensus Statement

https://bpna.org.uk/common/show_unpro_doc.php?doc=2021Consensusstatementonchildhoodneuropsychiatricpresentations_72d9cfce4e96a31e4f40cb3ba943cb43.pdf

The Trust does not have an MDT that deals with such pathologies. It is usually the General Paediatrician or Community Teams that see these patients. Paediatric Neurology are often asked to give a one off second opinion.

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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