

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 22-521**

7 October 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 not hold the information you are requesting

**Please provide me with copies of the following:**

**1. Policies (communicated in policy documentation, guidance, internal staff communications and similar) which relate to prioritisation of patients to receive your organisation's resources during the first 18 months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, I am seeking documentation you hold which sets out criteria or factors to be taken into account when selecting patients for:**

**a. Admission to hospital for non-elective treatment;**

**b. Escalation of inpatients to Critical Care or Intensive Care (ICU/ITU) wards; and/or**

**c. Provision of respiratory support using positive airway pressure devices (CPAP/BIPAP) or ventilation.**

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust did not ration access to urgent care services during the pandemic by using eligibility or other criteria.

**2. Please include the policies issued by your organisation and any policies issued by third parties (such as Government bodies or medical professional organisations) in force within your organisation.**

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust followed national guidance produced by the NHS, Government and professional bodies throughout, the Trust does not hold this information.

**3. Please only supply policies which were issued or updated between 1 January 2020 and 30 June 2021 (inclusive)**

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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