

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 22-582**

10 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 hold some of the information you are requesting

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information on the number of staff impacted by Long Covid working in your trust.**

We do not hold this information.

**Could you state the number of staff members who were recorded to have had Long Covid while working for your trust at any time in the period between October 2021 - October 2022?**

We do not hold this information.

**Could you state all leave of absences taken where Long Covid was cited as the cause between October 2021 - October 2022 and the length of time each absence lasted for.**

We do not hold this information.

**Does your trust offer any specialised support for staff members living with Long Covid? If so could you please provide details of these services?**

Occupational health support via Avon Partnership Occupational Health Service (APOHS), is provided to enable employees to remain in work or to be supported to return to the workplace and Referral to the Healthier Together Support Network which is hosted by APOHS. This service is delivered by Clinical Psychologists and offers a group intervention programme involving a series of ten interactive sessions. The programme is designed to support psychological adjustment and self-management of Long Covid. The group encourages active participation and provides a space for facilitated peer-support.

<https://bnssghealthiertogether.org.uk/long-covid-group/>

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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