

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-599

1 November 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

1. Has University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust implemented the NICE guidelines [NG206] on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/ Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: diagnosis and management, which were published on 29 October 2021?

If the NICE guidelines [NG206] on the diagnosis and management of ME/CFS have not been implemented, what is the intended timetable and deadline for implementation?

The adults service for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is provided by North Bristol NHS Trust. For further information please contact foi@nbt.nhs.uk

The children's service for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is provided by Royal United Hospital Bath. For further information please contact ruh-tr.FOIRRequests@nhs.net

2. How many patients with a diagnosis of ME/CFS are receiving care from University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust as of the date of this FOI request?

223*

*Please note this cohort of patients are being treated primarily for another condition at University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust.

3. Of those receiving care for ME/CFS from University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust, how many have a personalised care and support plan in place as of the date of this FOI request?

Not applicable.

4. What training has been provided by University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust for healthcare professionals on the implementation of the NICE guidelines [NG206] on diagnosis and management of ME/CFS since 29 October 2021?

Not applicable.

5. What written information is being provided to health professionals and patients on websites in line with the recommendations on diagnosis and management in the NICE guidelines [NG206].

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
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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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