

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-705

14 December 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

Have any of the following services been closed at your Trust due to staffing issues between November 2021 and October 2022 (inclusive):

- a) Birth Centre/Maternity Unit/Ward
- b) Breast imaging unit/Ward
- c) Stroke and rehabilitation Unit/Ward
- d) Dialysis Unit/Ward

If so, I would be grateful if you could let me know how long the unit was closed for?

a) Birth Centre/Maternity Unit/Ward

Although we use the term closed, we actually never close the maternity unit to admissions but when the unit is at capacity, we attempt to divert patients to our neighbouring units on a case-by-case scenario.

b) Breast imaging unit/Ward

This service is led by North Bristol NHS Trust. For further information please contact foi@nbt.nhs.uk

c) Stroke and rehabilitation Unit/Ward

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d) Dialysis Unit/Ward

Bristol Royal Hospital for Children: the ward has closed on two occasions; one occasion was due to ward staffing and the second due to hospital staffing.

The adults dialysis service is led by North Bristol NHS Trust. For further information please contact foi@nbt.nhs.uk

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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