

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 24-161**

29 February 2024

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
- 1. The number of patients sent to an alternative provider because they exceeded the weight limit for MRI scans, CT scans or weighing scales within your hospital(s) in 2023.**  
Zero
  - 2. The number of patients sent to an alternative provider because they exceeded the weight limit for MRI scans, CT scans or weighing scales within your hospital(s) in 2022.**  
Zero
  - 3. The names of the alternative providers used by your hospital(s) for CT scans, MRI scans and weighing scales for patients who exceed the weight limit for equipment within your hospital(s).**  
Zero
  - 4. How many patients have been sent to each alternative provider in the last two years because they exceed the weight limit for MRI scans, CT scans or weighing scales.**  
Zero
  - 5. Why doesn't the hospital have facilities to weigh these patients?**  
This is not recorded
  - 6. How much does referral of patients who exceed the weight limit for equipment at your hospital(s) to alternative providers cost your hospital(s) per annum for the previous two financial years?**  
Zero
  - 7. How many requests for CT scans, MRI scans and weighing of patients have been declined by your hospital(s) in the last two years because patients have exceeded the**

**weight limits for equipment.**

We do not hold information on rejected scans due to weight limit. All scanners have relatively the same bore size and weight limits are similar for all scanners; we do not send out patients to other places due to their weight any more as there is no longer anywhere to send them.

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  
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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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To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely

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