

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-176

18 March 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. Do you use latex free sterile surgical gloves as standard sterile PPE in your trust? If no please answer the below

Yes

2. How many patient related Latex incidents have been reported in you trust in the last 5 years?

64.

a. Of this number please identify location of incident (EG emergency department, Emergency theatre (CEPOD), procedure room or ward)

Accident & Emergency
Chemotherapy Day Unit
Child Dental Health
Clinic
Day Case Unit Surgery
Day Surgery/ Endoscopy
Dermatology
Hotel Services Cleaning
Integrated Sexual Health
Maternity Services
Medical Records
Older Persons Assessment Unit
Oral Surgery
Other
Pharmacy
Pre-Operative Assessment Clinic
Sleep Unit

Theatre
Ward

b. For patients identified please record their admission and treatment diagnosis

Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

3. For each reported incident please identify the level of harm recorded

a. No harm, Low, moderate, severe/death.

Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

b. If moderate or severe please identify the patient length of stay

Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

4. How many RIDDOR reports have been raised in the last 5 years due to Latex Allergy? for any incidents please identify the area of work.

None

a. Please identify the total time away from work for each incident due to Latex Exposure

Not applicable

5. What proportion of your sterile surgical glove expenditure is allocated to non latex supply?

35.85%

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

Publication

Please note that this letter and the information included/attached will be published on our website as part of the Trust's Freedom of Information Publication Log. This is because information disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act is disclosed to the public, not just to the individual making the request. We will remove any personal information (such as your name, email and so on) from any information we make public to protect your personal information.

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

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust