

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-211

21 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 not hold the information you are requesting

Please can you provide data on the number of physician associates (PAs) currently working in your hospitals that are permitted to perform each of the below procedures. Please can you provide the data in an Excel spreadsheet, in a table with the procedure in one column and the number of PAs qualified to perform the procedure in a second column.

- Aterial line insertion
- Central line insertion
- Chest drain
- Intubation
- OesophagoGastroDuodenoscopy (OGD)
- Nerve blocks
- Pleural tap
- Surgical first assisting
- Ring blocks
- Iliofemoral block
- Nasogastric (NG) tube placement
- Ascitic drain
- Ascitic tap
- Joint aspiration
- Lumbar puncture
- Pleural aspiration

If you believe this exceeds the cost limit, please confine the search to the first half of the list. I.e., from arterial line insertion to Surgical first assisting, inclusive.

We do not hold this information centrally. The individual practitioners (whether they be

physician associates or postgraduate doctors) will have evidence of their personal competencies.

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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Yours sincerely

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