

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-267

27 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

How many children under six months of age are referred to you for hernia surgery per annum?

95 patients operated on at under six months from 1/3/23 to 1/3/24

38 patients admitted via ED attendance 31 of which was first presentation, mean 0 days median 0 days. Seven patients had been referred but not yet seen at a mean of 13 days post referral, median five days.

Nine patients were direct Neonatal transfers to our NICU unit and 48 referred by letter were seen in mean of 31 days, median of 28 days

What is the average time from referral letter receipt and first contact with the family?

31 days mean 28 days median

0 days for those transferred in or seen in Emergency Department

What is the mean and median time from referral to surgery?

Mean time to surgery (for those routinely referred) 36 days median 34 days

Overall including Emergency Department and neonatal unit transfers mean 23 days from time of notification to surgery median 16 days

Can you give me the data requested for each region that is covered by your hospital?

Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

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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