

Ref: 24-384

## **Freedom of Information Request**

1 May 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
- For the last financial year, has your trust been providing direct bank transfers into patients' accounts for the Healthcare Travel Costs Scheme? If yes, what has been the average waiting time (Business working days) for a patient from making the request to receiving the money in their bank account?
- For the last financial year, has your trust been providing direct bank transfers into the bank accounts of patients, their next of kin, or the executor of their Will for any money deposited during admission? If yes, what has been the average waiting time (Business working days) from the request to the money being received in the bank account?

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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To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click <a href="here.">here.</a>

Yours sincerely

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