

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-454

7 June 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

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request the following information. This information relates to the NHS England Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response Framework in general and subsection 10.4, "Cycle of preparedness, Exercising", in particular. Please note that the information requested are only dates of exercises and a test. I am not requesting any other details of the exercises and test themselves, nor any information that would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention of crime. This information should be readily available to the Trust as part of its EPRR annual assurance process.

For clarity I have enumerated the information I am requesting. If you do not hold some of this information then I ask you to confirm explicitly that you do not hold it.

I request:

1. The date of the Trust's own most recent communications systems exercise. I am not requesting the date of any communications systems exercise initiated by another organisation.

16.05.2024

2. The date of the most recent table-top exercise.

21.05.2024

3. The date of the most recent live play exercise. I am aware the NHS EPRR Framework states that if an organisation activates its plan then this replaces the need to run a live exercise "providing lessons are identified and logged and an action plan developed". Nevertheless I request the date of the most recent live play exercise, not activation of the plan.

20.11.2023

4. The date of the most recent command post exercise. I am aware the NHS EPRR Framework states that if an organisation activates its Incident Coordination Centre then this replaces the need to run command post exercise “providing lessons are identified and logged and an action plan developed”. Nevertheless I request the date of the most recent command post exercise, not activation of the ICC.

05.06.2024

5. The date of the most recent Incident Coordination Centre equipment test.

08.05.2024

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.

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team

