

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-466

1 July 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

Please can you provide the following:

- 1. The number of elective theatre sessions in 2023-24 that were the first session of the day (ie morning session).**
- 2. Of those first sessions, the number that started late (ie, where the trust has recorded a late start, or where the start time exceeded the scheduled start time by >15 minutes)**
- 3. Please provide a breakdown of the reasons for the late starts detailed above, and the frequency of each reason. For example, if there were 100 late starts, please provide a breakdown of reasons and how often they occurred, so that they sum to that 100.**

Please use the definition of late starts set by the GIRFT team:

<https://gettingitrightfirsttime.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/Patient-Preparation-and-Effective-Theatre-Flow-Practical-Guide-FINAL-V1-April-2024-1.pdf>

This says the late start time is the “difference between expected time first patient enters the anaesthetic room and actual time first patient enters the anaesthetic room”

Please see our response in the attached document.

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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Yours sincerely

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