

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-476

18 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

We are aware of the NHS England FASP 20 week scan guidance document. "There is no requirement to archive images of the fetal cardiac protocol views". However, we are aware there is disparity amongst NHS hospital trusts nationally when congenital heart defects are not identified at this scan. We understand some hospital trusts don't retain fetal cardiac images, some do, and some retain video clips, and some retain both. There doesn't seem to be any consistency. We have been advised by NHS England and the ICB's that they do not hold the following information as it is "granular". We have been advised to approach each of the acute trusts.

Our questions are:

1. When congenital heart defects are not identified during screening at the 20 week fetal anomaly scan;

a) Does your trust currently retain the fetal cardiac views?

Yes

b) Were fetal cardiac views retained in 2021 and 2022?

Yes

c) If views are currently retained, are these still images or video clips?

Still images

d) For how long has your trust had this fetal cardiac view retention policy?

Pre-digitisation in 2011 a video was recorded of all anomaly scans. Post 2011, still heart images stored. The images stored has been changed and updated to reflect FASP recommended views.

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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