

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-511

27 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
- **Does UHBW currently provide a dedicated Hydroxychloroquine Retinopathy Screening service?**

Yes

If yes:

- **Is this provided by the UHBW Ophthalmology department(s)**

Yes

or is it outsourced to another provider?

No

If no:

- **Where does the UHBW Rheumatology / Dermatology department refer patients taking Hydroxychloroquine for retinal screening?**

Not applicable

If outsourced:

- **Is this outsourced by UHBW or directly commissioned by the ICS?**

Commissioned by ICS

If provided by the UHBW Ophthalmology department:

- **Is this a virtual service?**

Yes

- **Which OCT machine is being used to acquire images for analysis?**

Topcon Triton

• **What grade of clinician is responsible for analysing of the images e.g. Specialist Trainee, Specialty Doctor, Consultant, Optometrist, Specialist Nurse?**

Consultant

Optometrist

Optometrist under consultant supervision

• **Are patients screened prior to / at the commencement of treatment or , if there are no additional risk factors, after 5 years of using Hydroxychloroquine?**

Screening is undertaken according to the Royal College of Ophthalmologists guidelines.

• **How many screenings are carried out per month?**

Approximately 60

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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