

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-592

1st August 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

1. How effective are the current plans in mitigating medication supply chain disruptions?

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust has effective measures in place to manage medication supply chain disruption.

2. Has the trust had any incidents or patient safety issues related to medication supply disruption in the last 12 months?

No

3. What does your trust do to manage a potential disruption in medication supplies?

Follow national guidance where that is produced for specific shortages. If this is not available a local plan is created.

4. Does the shortage of medical supplies affect the clinical decisions related to prescribing practices? If so, what has the trust done to manage or mitigate this?

Clinical teams where affected are engaged with to create a collaborative and safe approach to implement any changes necessary.

5. As a Trust, how does your organization evaluate the impact of medication supply chain disruptions and the measures in place to manage them? How often does this occur?

The impact is monitored through any incident reporting on our Trust Datix system. Incidents are reported through to key stakeholders at the point of entry onto the system.

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
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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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