

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 24-648**

12 September 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 hold some of the information you are requesting

**1. Does UHBW use single use endoscopes for any of its endoscopy procedures?**

Yes

**a. If so, can you state in which procedures they are used?**

Management of difficult airways only, either as planned or unplanned procedures

**b. If so, can you state which brand/s of endoscopes are used?**

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**2. Can UHBW state how many single use endoscopes have been used in 2021, 2022, 2023 and 2024?**

Approximately 100 per year

**3. Can UHBW state how many single use endoscopes are planned to be used in 2024, 2025, and 2026.**

Similar to the previous years +/- 10%

**4. Does UHBW have plans to increase the use of single use endoscopes to help in the delivery of Community Diagnostic Centres and temporary out-of-hours hubs to reduce waiting lists?**

No as the single use endoscopes we use are for management of difficult airways which are not used in Community Diagnostic Centres

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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