

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 24-671**

18<sup>th</sup> 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 do hold the information you are requesting

**Any policy relating to the care or treatment of transgender patients whilst inpatient including bed/ward allocation,**

**Any policy relating to the care or treatment of transgender patients whilst outpatient,**

**Any policy relating to the updating of patient records for transgender patients when they change name and/or sex marker,**

**Any policy relating to the issuance of a new hospital number for transgender patients when they update their listed sex via the process set out by PCSE,**

**Any policy relating to the updating and redaction of patient records for transgender patients when they are issued a new NHS Number by PCSE,**

**Any policy regarding post NHS number/name-change clinical notes and communications regarding transgender patients, such as guidance as to when it is clinically appropriate to mention that a patient is transgender, including any policy statements relating to staff awareness of section 22 of the gender recognition act 2004.**

**Also, can you confirm if the trust has any plans to update any of the above policies in the near future?**

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply **Section 21** of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain on the following links on the Trust's website:

[24-533\\_response.pdf \(uhbw.nhs.uk\)](#) and associated documents below:

[24-533\\_family\\_compassionate\\_other\\_leave\\_policy\\_redacted.pdf \(uhbw.nhs.uk\)](#)

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533 quality and equality impact assessment geia for proposed trust change schemes may 24 redacted.pdf (uhbw.nhs.uk)

24-533 delivering single sex accommodation policy apr 24 redacted.pdf (uhbw.nhs.uk)

Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information if it is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

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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