

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-700

1 October 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-Which interventional procedures does your Trust provide?

1 Vascular interventional Radiology, EVAR, embolisations for haemorrhage - Yes

2 Interventional Cardiology, eg coronary stenting and ablations - Yes

3 Neuro-vascular intervention, eg stroke thrombectomy – Yes for paediatrics only. The adults neurovascular service is provided by North Bristol NHS Trust. Please contact foi@nbt.nhs.uk for further information.

4 Non vascular intervention, eg nephrostomies, Biliary stenting - Yes

2-Are these regional IR services?

Yes, depending on the exact service

3-Is your Trust a Major Trauma centre?

Yes – for paediatrics only.

4-Which interventional radiology services do you provide a 24 /7-day service for.

We provide interventional cardiology radiology services for adults and paediatrics.

5-From a radiographic point of view how do you staff these areas, please select all options which apply:

-Radiographers work Soley within the interventional specialty

Radiographers rotate through several modalities

A mixture of both the previous options

-Other- please describe

Radiographers work primarily in cardiac and also occasionally support the IR room.

6-Do your radiographers and radiology Nurses contribute to a 24/7 Interventional service

Yes

7-How is this 24/7 service provided?

Shifts- please describe the shift pattern

On call from home- please describe the frequency and duration of on call sessions

Other- Please describe

From home

24 hour on call weekends

6pm-8am weekdays on call from home

8-Does your Trust have different on-call teams to cover the interventional specialties or multiple on-call teams?

single on call team covering numerous interventional specialties

multiple on call teams, i.e .one for each specialty

We have two teams as follows:

Paediatric cardiac on call radiographer x1

Adult cardiac radiographer x1

9-Do you have problems recruiting radiographers into these specialties?

Yes

10-How are radiographers paid for their on-call shifts?

paid per standby

paid per hour

other- please describe

24 hour on call 4 x standby plus 1.5x per hour for duration of call out.

Weekday on call 3 x standby plus 1.5 x for duration of call outs

11-What is the weekday standby rate?

Less than £20 - Yes

£20-30

£30-40

£40-50,

greater than £50

12-How are staff paid for any work done during that on-call period? Is there a minimum call out? eg plain time or enhanced rate/ minimum call out of ?hrs - please describe

There is no minimum call out. If not called out staff only receive the standby rate.

13-How do you manage compensatory rest for staff called in from home?

Weekend - no compensatory rest

Working into weekdays

Work continuously 8am-11pm - in at 12 noon next day

Work between midnight and 3am - in at 1.30pm

Work between 3am-5am - off all day
Work between 5am-6am - go home at 1.30pm
No calls outside of these periods - work as normal next day

How do you cover on call rota gaps at short notice due to sickness etc?

Enhanced Rate

other- please explain

We rely on the flexibility of internal staff

15- Do you have difficulties covering duties at short notice?

Yes

16- in the last 24 months have there been occasions where you have been unable to provide a service due to unfilled gaps in the rota?

No

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.

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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.

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Yours sincerely

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