

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-746

25 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 not hold the information you are requesting

1. Does your Trust have a Standard Operating Procedure - also referred to as a PSFU Protocol - that covers the PSFU pathway for breast cancer?

Yes

No

Don't Know

If yes, please share your current, or most recent, version of this Standard Operating Procedure/PSFU Protocol.

2. Are all hospitals that form part of your Trust following the processes set out in the Standard Operating Procedure/PFSU Protocol for breast cancer?

Yes

No

Don't Know

If no, please send the breast cancer related Standard Operating Procedure/PSFU Protocol of each hospital in the Trust

Information provided about breast cancer signs and symptoms

This section relates to the information given to women about signs and symptoms of primary breast cancer and signs and symptoms of secondary breast cancer.

3. At the end of hospital-based treatment do you provide primary breast cancer patients with information about the signs and symptoms of primary breast cancer?

Yes - for all patients

Yes – but not consistently

No

If yes- please provide a copy of the information provided or a link to the information if it

is available online. If this information is part of a longer document please provide the full document.

4. At the end of hospital-based treatment, do you provide primary breast cancer patients with information about the signs and symptoms of secondary breast cancer?

Yes - for all patients

Yes – but not consistently

No

If yes- please provide a copy of the information provided or a link to the information if it is available online. If this information is part of a longer document please provide the full document.

Number of patients

5. How many patients did you treat for primary breast cancer that finished their hospital-based treatment in each of the Financial Years 2022-23 and 2023- 2024?

Number of Patients

2022-2023

2023-2024

6. For each of the Financial Years 2022-23 and 2023-24, of the primary breast cancer patients that completed hospital-based treatment, please provide an estimate of what proportion were stratified to each follow up pathway?

a) A PIFU pathway

b) A Routine Follow Up pathway

If you can provide the figures spilt between the age under 45 category and age 45 and over category that would be useful but if the information is not readily available by age, please provide for all ages combined.

% of patients

2022-2023 2023-24

Under 45 45 and over All ages Under 45 45 and over All ages

PIFU

Routine Follow Up

7. At the end of hospital-based treatment, is there a set period of time during which all patients in the Trust receive Routine Follow Up, with the decision between a Routine Follow Up pathway and a PIFU pathway being taken at a later date?

Yes- all patients receive routine follow up for a set period of time at the end of hospital-based treatment

No- patients are immediately placed on Routine Follow Up or PIFU

If yes, which hospitals offer this and for each hospital how long is the set period of

time?

Description of the pathway

We are hoping to understand in more detail how the breast cancer PIFU pathway works and how people are able to make contact when they have a concern. If you are providing a Standard Operating Procedure/PFSU Protocol as part of your response, you only need to respond to questions 8, 9, 10 and 11 if the answers to these questions are not fully available in the document.

8. If a patient wants to raise a concern about a breast cancer sign or symptom (either primary breast cancer or secondary breast cancer) while on a PIFU pathway, what are the options for them to do so (please tick all that apply):

A telephone service

Email contact

Drop in clinics

Other- please detail

Monitoring of the pathway

9. Are all breast cancer patients on a PIFU pathway logged and tracked on the organisation's IT system?

All are logged

All are logged and tracked

Some are logged

Some are logged and tracked

No

10. Is there a standard time limit on how long PSFU pathways are available to breast cancer patients e.g. 5 years?

Yes

No

If yes, what is the standard time limit?

If yes, how frequently is the standard time limit applied?

Always

Most of the time

Sometimes

Rarely

If any patients have a difference to the standard time limit, please detail and explain in what circumstances this occurs and the range of time limits?

11. When it is time for a breast cancer patient to be discharged from PSFU, do they receive any notification of this, e.g. by letter or phone call?

Yes

No

Don't Know

If yes, please explain how they receive this notification and provide a copy of the standardised information they would receive at that point, if it is in written form.

We are keen to discuss in more detail the answers to this FOI with a small number of Trusts. If this is something you would consider, please let us know and we will follow up if needed.

- Yes

- No

If yes, the person to contact is:

We do not hold this information. Breast cancer services are provided by North Bristol NHS Trust. Please contact foi@nbt.nhs.uk for further information.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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