

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-786

15 November 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request information regarding how patients identified with carbapenemase-producing Enterobacterales (CPE) are communicated with. I am requesting some figures and also copies of documents, which I would like to receive electronically. I have set the request out in more detail below.

If you share this request with other departments in your organisation, please can my name and organisation be redacted (kept confidential).

I would like to request copies of the following documents:

1. Trust Policy(s) that include the procedure for contacting positive CPE results to patients and healthcare professionals.

Please see the attached following documents: *Clinical guideline for the management of CPE* and *Cross infection screening*. The clinical team advise patients of their status if CPE positive. The patient discharge summary should contain the necessary information i.e. CPE colonised or infection. The IPC formally write to the GP to explain the result if the patient was discharged home before the result is known.

2. All versions of patient information materials relating to CPE carriage and/or CPE infection.

Please can I receive these documents in editable formats (Word, Publisher, etc.). If this is not possible, then PDF can be supplied.

Please see the attached document: *Advice for those in contact with CPE*.

3. In addition, please can you provide the following information. I have provided a table below for ease.

Information Requested	Response
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Total number of patients identified with CPE in the period 1/4/2023 to 31/3/24 (financial year 23/24)	114
The total number of patients provided with information relating to CPE in the period 1/4/2023 to 31/3/24 (financial year 23/24)	Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.
Has a patient/public group been involved in developing or reviewing the CPE materials?	No
Total number of beds in the Trust.	967
Total number of hospital admissions in the period 1/4/23 to 31/3/24 (financial year 23/24)	186,533

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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