

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-902

30 December 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. Does your hospital have a PICU outreach service?

We have a Paediatric Critical Care Outreach service but is not linked to PICU, it's a separate team.

o If so, how many staff per shift work within this service, and what are their grades?

We have Band 7s and Band 6's within the Outreach team. On average we have 1 Outreach nurse on a LD, 1 on a Twilight and 1 on a Night shift.

2. How do you measure the effectiveness of this service?

As the team has been established for over 10 years, we do not routinely collect data. We use staff feedback, Datix, Greatix, complaints to review effectiveness and amend our medical model has needed.

o Could you share the benefits you have identified?

We do not hold this information.

o Do you have any relevant statistics, such as reductions in admission or readmission rates to PICU?

We are currently completing an audit looking at unplanned admissions to PICU for 2024, the results have not been collated to date.

3. If your hospital does not have a PICU outreach service, how is the deteriorating child supported?

Not applicable

o Do you use PEWS scoring, a watcher list, or rapid response teams?

We use electronic PEWs and we have a rapid review team alongside our Outreach team.

o Can you provide any statistics related to PICU admissions (for the past three years) or readmissions from ward areas? (within 48 hours in the last 12 months)

Year	Total Admissions
2022	648
2023	707
2024	715

Month/year	Total admissions	Readmissions within 48 hours
December 2023	70	*
January 2024	67	*
February 2024	59	*
March 2024	73	*
April 2024	64	*
May 2024	54	*
June 2024	60	0
July 2024	73	*
August 2024	64	*
September 2024	55	0
October 2024	70	*
November 2024	67	*
December 2024	9	*

4. Do your ward staff receive any paediatric advanced life support training?

Our ward staff attend Paediatric Intermediate Life support, Paediatric Life Support and our Band 6 nurses in HDU (High Dependency Unit) areas have attended APLS (Advanced Paediatric Life Support) or EPALs (European Advanced Paediatric Life Support) training.

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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Yours sincerely

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