

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 24-980**

23 January 2025

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

**I am writing under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to formally request information regarding the volumes and spending on outsourced and insourced procedures within your trust.**

**I would like to receive data on the number of procedures (volume) and spend (£ value) for the financial years:**

- - 2019–20
- - 2020–21
- - 2021–22
- - 2022–23
- - 2023–24
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**The requested information should be provided by provider for all the years combined and should include the following details:**

**Number of specialties: Whether single or multiple**

**Specialty: Specify if the provider only focuses on one (single) specialty**

**Whether the procedures were outsourced or insourced:**

**o Outsourced procedures: Delivered by an external (third-party) provider contracted by your trust, health board, or ICB, performed in their facility using their staff.**

**o Insourced procedures: Delivered by an external provider contracted to perform procedures using your facilities (e.g., operating theatres) but with their staff.**

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 Trust's website on the following links:

December 2022:

[22-645\\_response.pdf](#)

June 2023:

[23-355\\_response.pdf](#)

April 2024:

[https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/24-315\\_response.pdf](https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/24-315_response.pdf)

[https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.uhbw.nhs.uk%2Fassets%2F1%2F24-315\\_questionnaire\\_response.xlsx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK](https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.uhbw.nhs.uk%2Fassets%2F1%2F24-315_questionnaire_response.xlsx&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK)

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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