

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-048

29 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

Following a total hip replacement operation at either Weston general or the BRI in Bristol please can you advise what medication is prescribed to a patient to reduce the chance of certain complications such as blood clots.

- 1) do you prescribe an anticoagulant and if so is that in tablet or injection form Or**
- 2) do you prescribe aspirin**
- 3) is this a standard treatment for all patients or does it depend on the surgeon.**

Practice is varied according to surgeons. They are given chemical thromboprophylaxis in most of the cases unless there is a significant contra-indication ie bleeding tendency. Aspirin is used as are other agents by some surgeons based on the literature. We have though recently had discussions on having a single policy with some exceptions to avoid confusion, and are currently working to get agreement on this.

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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