

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-062

14 February 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 would like you to send me the amount of money that your trust has spent on postage when communicating with or about patients in each of these financial years - 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24.

For clarity communicating with patients would include (but not be limited to) notification of appointments, reminders, results of tests and so forth. Essentially any letters sent to them from the hospital or hospital trust.

Communicating about patients would include (but not be limited to) letters to GPs about test results, treatments etc as well as referral letters to other treatment providers.

Year	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
TOTALS	£1,199,963	£1,334,660	£1,483,445

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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