

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-142

7 March 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 not hold the information you are requesting

Question	Response																				
1 What is the total number of patients treated at your unit with apheresis in 2024?																					
2 How many patients were treated using apheresis for each of the following apheresis services in 2024? <table border="1" data-bbox="300 1133 1268 1926"> <tr><td>a. Extracorporeal Photopheresis (ECP)</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>b. Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Collection (PBSC)</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>c. Therapeutic Plasma Exchange</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>d. Low density lipid removal/lipoprotein apheresis</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>e. Lymphocyte Collection</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>f. Red Cell Exchange</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>g. Blood Component Transfusion</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>h. Platelet Depletion</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>i. White Cell Depletion</td><td></td></tr> <tr><td>j. CAR T Cell Therapy</td><td></td></tr> </table>	a. Extracorporeal Photopheresis (ECP)		b. Peripheral Blood Stem Cell Collection (PBSC)		c. Therapeutic Plasma Exchange		d. Low density lipid removal/lipoprotein apheresis		e. Lymphocyte Collection		f. Red Cell Exchange		g. Blood Component Transfusion		h. Platelet Depletion		i. White Cell Depletion		j. CAR T Cell Therapy		
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3 How many patients treated for low density lipid removal/lipoprotein apheresis in 2024 were tested for Lipoprotein(a)(Lp(a)?																					

4	What level of Lp(a) does your unit define as raised and suitable for treatment with apheresis?	
5	For patients who underwent for low density lipid removal/lipoprotein apheresis in 2024:	
	a. How many patients were treated primarily for LDL-C/severe hyperlipidaemia?	
	b. How many patients were treated primarily for elevated Lp(a)?	
6	What unit of measurement does your unit use for the measurement so Lp(a)?	mg/dL only (Please answer 7a) nmol/L only (Please answer 7b) Both (Please answer 7a)
7a	How many apheresis patients tested for LP(a) in 2024 using mg/DI had an LP(a) level of:	
	a. $\geq 70\text{mg/dl}$	
	b. $\geq 90\text{mg/dl}$	
	c. $\geq 180\text{mg/dL}$	
7b	How many apheresis patients tested for LP(a) in 2024 using mg/DI had an LP(a) level of:	
	a. $\geq 150\text{nmol/L}$	
	b. $\geq 190\text{nmol/L}$	
	c. $\geq 400\text{nmol/L}$	
8	How many patients treated using apheresis for elevated Lp(a) in 2024 have previously suffered a cardiac event including MI, PAD, CAD or stroke?	
9	What are your unit's referral criteria for treating patients using apheresis for Lp(a) removal?	
10	What is your unit's current wait time for apheresis for low density lipid removal/lipoprotein apheresis removal from initial referral to treatment?	

11	How often do patients being treated with apheresis for low density lipid removal due to elevated Lp(a) receive treatment?	
12	What is the monthly maximum of number of patients your unit can treat using apheresis for low density lipid removal due to elevated Lp(a)?	
13	What is the cost per cycle of each low density lipid removal/lipoprotein apheresis treatment?	
	a. Does this cost differ if patients are being treated for primarily for LDL-C vs elevated Lp(a)?	Yes/No If yes please see 13b & 13c
	b. What is the cost of apheresis for LDL-C removal?	
	c. What is the cost of apheresis for Lp(a) removal?	
14	In 2024, what was the average number of cycles per patient per year for low density lipid removal/lipoprotein apheresis treatment?	

We do not hold this information. Please contact NHS Blood and Transport at <https://www.nhsbt.nhs.uk/contact-us/>

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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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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