

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-155

17 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 hold the information you are requesting

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information regarding your Trust's processes to reduce medication waste. Please may you provide me with an answer to the following:

1. Does your Trust have a formal policy on medicines waste reduction?

i. Yes/No - No

2. Have any sustainability or environmental impact assessments been conducted regarding your Trust's pharmaceutical waste

i. Yes/No - No

ii. If yes, please provide a brief summary of key findings.

Not applicable

3. Do you currently employ any staff specifically to support medicines waste?

i. Yes/No - No

ii. If yes, how many full time equivalents do you employ?

Not applicable

4. How often does your organisation report on the management of waste (including cost) at Board level?

i. Annually/Quarterly/Monthly/Never/Other (please state) - Quarterly

5. For each of the hospitals in your Trust, what is the value of medication you have had to waste in the last 2 financial years? This the value of medication that was the property of the hospital at the point it was wasted, i.e. the cost of medication that expired before it could be used.

2022/23 - £345,765.03

2023/24 - £375,885.99

6. For each hospital in your Trust, what has been your total drug spend over the past two financial years?

2022/23 = £157,815,965

2023/24 = £170,961,889

7. For the last two financial years combined what is the drug that you have wasted the most of, and what was the total cost?

2022/23 - POLATUZUMAB VEDOTIN 140 mg Powder for Soln for Infusion - £35,616.00

2023/24 - CAPLACIZUMAB [CABLIVI] 10 mg Pwd + Solv for Soln for Inj - £24,699.97

8. Have any sustainability or environmental impact assessments been conducted regarding your Trust's pharmaceutical waste

i. Yes/No - No

ii. If yes, please provide a brief summary of key findings.

Not applicable

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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