

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-202

31 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 make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request the following information regarding the use of processed meats containing nitrates or nitrites in meals provided by your authority.

1. Does your organisation procure or serve processed meat (such as bacon, ham, sausages, or other cured meats) that contain nitrates or nitrites as preservatives?

Yes

2. If so, please provide details of the types of processed meat served and any guidance or policies in place regarding their procurement.

Our main hospital food supplier is Apetito. Please find attached their Nitrate statement and product list of products. We also order in packed meats to produce in-house sandwiches and salads. These products predominantly are ordered from Charles Saunders.

We use:

Fairways sausages, 8's.

Unsmoked rindless bacon, from the Midlands Bacon company.

Corned beef, sliced cooked ham and sliced cooked turkey, all 500g from Houghton Ham, Northampton, NN3 6AX. All companies used are authorised by the Trust and are members of the Trust framework.

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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