

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-259

24 April 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

1. Does your Trust have an executive board where health research strategy for the hospital/s is set? e.g a Research and Innovation Board or other relevant high-level board.

Yes

2. If yes, is there a PPIE (patient public involvement engagement) representative on this board with the specific remit to provide insights into research agenda setting from the perspective of a patient with lived experience of health issues or as a member of the public/community? [I am not referring to the presence of a lay chair].

No

3. Is there a PPIE advisory structure (e.g. board, committee, panel) which provides PPIE insights to inform the work of the executive board? (not within individual study groups- I refer to high level feedback into your research strategy meetings).

No

4. Concerning the BRC, is there a PPIE representative on the board where research strategy is set?

Yes

5. If yes to question 2, 3, 4 or 5, please provide the most recent minutes/agenda with a list of members with designated roles/remits (not names).

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply **Section 21** of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain on the following link:

[public board meeting in common uhbw nbt web papers.pdf](#)

Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information if it is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

6. Are PPIE representatives remunerated?

Yes

7. Do you require PPIE representatives to do any training? If yes, please specify e.g NIHR training or in house-training.

It is not required but training is available to them through our partners People in Health West of England.

8. I realise that some of this information may already be available. However, I was unable to locate it. So, if it is, please provide me with a link to the data.

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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