

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-335

21 May 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. Please can you confirm the emergency departments (ED) within your trust - both their name and address.

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 Trust's website on the following link: [UHBW NHS - Bristol hospitals or Weston General Hospital](#). 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.

2. In each of your EDs are your registered nurses (RN) allowed to give intravenous (IV) morphine.

Bristol Eye Hospital: No
Bristol Royal Infirmary: Yes
Bristol Royal Hospital for Children: Yes
Weston General Hospital: Yes

3. In each of your EDs are your registered nurses allowed to give intravenous (IV) diamorphine.

Bristol Eye Hospital: No
Bristol Royal Infirmary: Yes
Bristol Royal Hospital for Children: Yes
Weston General Hospital: Yes

4. In each of your EDs are your registered nurses allowed to give intravenous (IV) fentanyl.

Bristol Eye Hospital: No
Bristol Royal Infirmary: Yes
Bristol Royal Hospital for Children: Yes

Weston General Hospital: No

5. If RNs are allowed to give either IV Morphine, IV Diamorphine or IV Fentanyl - did they undertake a specific drug training package?

All staff must attend the Trust's IV Additives study day and be signed off as competent prior to giving any intravenous medication.

6. If so which drug, was it for? Would you be able to share this training package.

Bristol Eye Hospital: Not applicable

Bristol Royal Infirmary: We are developing a competency for IV morphine currently

Bristol Royal Hospital for Children: IV Morphine - Appendix 1 (p82) of the Clinical Guideline: Paediatric Pain Service. Acute Pain Management (attached 2813)

Competency for the administration of a single dose of intravenous morphine bolus in paediatrics (attached)

Assessment criteria for the administration of a single dose intravenous morphine bolus in paediatrics (attached)

7. If they are not allowed to give IV Morphine, IV Diamorphine or IV Fentanyl who is allowed to give each of the drugs?

Bristol Eye Hospital: The patient would have to be admitted to the ward (the nursing team here could give drugs), but this would only be on very rare occasions as not normally administered for first line pain control for an eye condition.

Bristol Royal Infirmary: Doctors/ACP's/EP's also give the above medication

Bristol Royal Hospital for Children: Not applicable

Weston General Hospital: Doctors

8. For each of the drugs are there any specific areas where the drugs can only be given with in the ED?

Bristol Eye Hospital: No

Bristol Royal Infirmary: Fentanyl/Diamorphine only in resus, morphine can be given in majors

Bristol Royal Hospital for Children: No

Weston General Hospital: IV Fentanyl would only be administered in resus. IV morphine would ideally be administered in Majors, however in extremities with bed challenges in could be given in minors in a visible area.

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

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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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