

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-508

7 July 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
- **Does your hospital have a guideline for silver trauma patients (>65 years old) attending ED?**
As part of the joint clerking proforma there is a silver trauma checklist which should be completed for any older faller over 65yrs, this includes a body map for documentation of secondary survey.
- **What are the ED's indications for initiating a silver trauma call and requesting a trauma CT for elderly patients at your hospital?**
There is not currently a specific silver trauma call, only general trauma. There is specific radiological guidance for >65s this includes a full trauma scan as well as links to occult hips and necks and head injuries (please see the attached document *Radiology Guidelines for the Elderly*).
- **Which specialties are called for silver trauma in ED? Does it include General surgery, Orthopaedics, Anaesthetics and Medicine of the elderly?**
Not a specific silver trauma call - a trauma call would include general surgery, orthopaedics and anaesthetics
- **Does your hospital have a guideline for assessing delirium in silver trauma patients (>65 years old)?**
There isn't a specific guideline but this is taught as part of the Elderly Silver Trauma Courses that take place.
- **Do all the silver trauma patients get reviewed by medicine of the elderly on the ward if admitted?**
Yes

• **Do you have a guideline for assessment of the silver trauma patients on the ward by medicine of the elderly?**

Yes, please see the attached documents.

• **Can you please attach your hospital's guidelines for silver trauma patients in your reply?**

Please see the attached documents.

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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