

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-607

8 August 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 hold some of the information you are requesting

1. Does your organisation provide care to individuals aged 0-25 who may use home enteral feeding tubes? - Yes

2. How many patients has your organisation provided dietetic care for home enteral tube feeding between 01-01-2023-31-12-2024? - 732

a. Divided into the following age categories: 0-18, 18-25, 25+ (age when they joined the caseload or age on 01-01-23 if they were on the caseload throughout this period).

Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

b. If possible, please provide caseload numbers by age (e.g. <1, 1-2, 2-3... years etc.)

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3. Of these, how many individuals use a blended diet*?

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4. Does your organisation have the following:

- a. Local blended diet policy – Acute setting - No**
- b. Local blended diet policy – Community setting - No**
- c. Blended diet guideline - Yes**
- d. Blended diet standard operating guideline or procedure - Yes**
- e. Blended diet training package - No**
- f. If yes to 4a-4e, please provide a copy. – Please see the attached documents.**

5. Are any staff employed by your organisation in roles funded by income provided by an enteral feeding provider (e.g. Nutricia, Abbott)? - No

- a. If yes, please state number of posts (whole time equivalent) and Agenda for Change banding. – Not applicable**

***A blended diet is the use of everyday foods blended to a puree and given via an enteral feeding tube. This may be used exclusively or in combination with commercial formula.**

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
Bristol
BS1 3NU

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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