

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 25-616**

15 September 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 you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust. Please may you provide me with:**

- **The total number of cath labs in your Health Board**

We do not hold this information. Please contact Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board at [bnssg.foi@nhs.net](mailto:bnssg.foi@nhs.net) for further information.

- **The number of cath labs are in each Trust**

Seven

- **The age of each cath lab**

Labs 1 and 2 - 11 years

Labs 3 and 4 - 4 years

Lab 5 - 5 years

- **Any plans to refurbish any of these cath labs**

Labs 1 – January 2026

- **The volumes of private cardiology activity done in these NHS cath labs**

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Volume	7	28	33

- **Any trusts within the Health Board considering procuring managed cardiology services**

We do not hold this information. Please contact NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (BNSSG ICB) at [bnssg.foi@nhs.net](mailto:bnssg.foi@nhs.net) for further information.

**• Volume of NHS Cath lab and Outpatient Cardiology Activity last three years, broken by HRG code**

Please see the attached document.

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by \*. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

**• Volume of Private Activity last three years, broken by CCSD code**

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**• Revenue of total NHS cath lab activity, last three years**

**2022-23** - £34,582,329

**2023-24** - £40,840,736

**2024-25** - £41,916,601

**• Revenue of total Private cath lab activity, last three years**

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
K1000	87509	522587	640270

**• Private pricing schedules for all private cardiology activity, cath lab and outpatients**

Please see the attached document.

**• Profit & Loss last three years for private cath lab activity**

	<b>Profit</b>
2022/23	£11,157
2023/24	£96,520
2024/25	£143,595
	£251,272

- **Waiting list time by HRG code for cath lab procedure as of 1st June 2025**

PCI 25 weeks  
 EP 52 weeks  
 Valve 16 weeks  
 ACHD 34 weeks  
 ICC 31 weeks  
 Cardiac Surgery 6 weeks  
 Heart Failure Service 10 weeks  
 Hypertension 44 weeks

- **Waiting list time for New Patient Consultation as of 1st June 2025**

PCI 25 weeks  
 EP 52 weeks  
 Valve 16 weeks  
 ACHD 34 weeks  
 ICC 31 weeks  
 Cardiac Surgery 6 weeks  
 Heart Failure Service 10 weeks  
 Hypertension 44 weeks

- **Waiting list time for Cardiac CT as of 1st June 2025**

Approximately eight weeks

- **Waiting list time for Cardiac MRI as of 1st June 2025**

Approximately 13 weeks

- **Waiting list time for Transthoracic Echo as of 1st June 2025**

Approximately six weeks

- **Waiting list time for ambulatory monitor fitting as of 1st June 2025**

Approximately 53 weeks

- **12 month and 24 month re-do rate of Atrial Fibrillation procedures**

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.

- **12, 24 and 36 month Morbidity and Mortality rate for PCI**

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- **Residual book value of all cardiac assets in current inventory**

Approximately £4,058,587.83.

- **Any Outsourced work to independent sector providers and if so, the volumes of activity you outsource, and the revenue values of outsourced activity, on a line-by-line basis**

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- **Are you interested to explore a managed clinical services solution in your Health Board to support the potential reclaim of VAT on your consumables and/or the opportunity to release working capital through a 'sale and leaseback' (technology transfer agreement) of equipment and assets?**

We do not hold this information.

- **Are you interested to explore a 'cardiology movement hub', namely an independent sector provider developing an elective cardiology hub to provide cath lab procedures allowing the acute Trust in your Health Board to concentrate on emergency and more complex activity to remove scheduling conflicts and so reduce waiting times?**

We do not hold this information.

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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