

Ref: 25-646

Freedom of Information Request

24th 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
- 1. Do you have a policy (or policies) which outlines the responsibilities of health and care professionals and the Trust towards a patient who has an Advance Decision to Refuse Treatment (ADRT) or Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) for Health and Welfare? We do not have a specific policy for this. Our Mental Capacity Act Policy advises to contact the Safeguarding and/or the Legal Department for gueries regarding ADRT or LPA. Please see the attached document.
- 2. In the event that a patient or family member, or someone using the Trust's services has a concern about the implementation of an Advance Decision to Refuse Treatment (ADRT) or a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) for Health and Welfare, does the Trust/Health Board have a documented process or course of action that would be provided to the person to allow them to resolve their concerns?

The documented process would be to raise any concerns through our Patients' Support and Complaints Team.

3. Do you have a named individual who is responsible for overseeing the Trust's compliance with the Mental Capacity Act 2005? If yes, please share their contact details.

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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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