

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 25-675**

9 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 use a Citizen Engagement platform? - No**

**2) If so, what tools do you use? - Not applicable**

**3) How much do you spend annually on a Citizen Engagement tool? - Not applicable**

**4) Which month & year does your contract with your supplier end? - Not applicable**

A citizen engagement platform is a digital tool or system designed to facilitate communication, interaction, and participation between citizens and government or public institutions. Its goal is to make civic involvement easier, more transparent, and more effective.

These platforms can be used by governments, cities, or organisations to:

Collect feedback on policies, services, or community issues  
Conduct surveys and polls  
Enable reporting of local issues, like potholes or graffiti  
Share updates, news, and documents with the public  
Encourage participatory budgeting or co-creation of solutions

Examples include tools like Granicus (EngagementHQ), CitizenSpace, SurveyMonkey, Qualtrics or Commonplace They can play a major role in increasing transparency, accountability, and trust in public decision-making.

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  
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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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