

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-195**

Date 11 April 2017

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

- A) Please provide a list of all the occasions in which private consultancy firms have been used/paid by the Trust/CCG during the last three financial years, including this year to date (2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17).**
- B) Please break this information down by date of project/contract, cost to the Trust/CCG and the name of the firm. Please also provide an explanation of the reasons/purpose for the use of the consultancy firm.**
- C) Please provide any details for any contracts/projects agreed with private consultancy firms for the financial year ahead broken down by the same details as above.**

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply Section 21 of the FOIA as this information for years 2014/15 and 2015/16 is reasonably accessible in the public domain in the Trust's Annual Reports on the following link: <http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/about-us/key-publications/>. Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

We are unable to provide figures for 2016/17 until the end of April 2017.

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:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol 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

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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