

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 17-298

Date 2 June 2017



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

Could I please be provided with the following data:

1. **A database (in Excel-readable format) of all cases in which patients were sent to private healthcare facilities from NHS facilities covered by this FOI address from 1/1/2014 until 1/5/2017. This should include:**
 - **Incident or record number as per your own system**
 - **The date of the referral**
 - **The department from which the patient was referred**
 - **The facility to which the patient was referred**
 - **The reason or explanation given for the referral**
 - **The cost of the referral**
 - **If possible, I would appreciate the data in this form:**

Date	Department	Facility referred to	Cost of referral	Reason given
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I would be interested in any information held by your department regarding my request , including any datasets from which this information is drawn.

The attached data refers to the number of patients treated in various Private hospitals under sub-contracting arrangements. Please note these patients have not been 'referred' but are under the care of the Trust throughout their stay.

Please note we are unable to provide a breakdown of the data as requested as 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

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
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

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

Yours sincerely,

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