

Freedom of Information RequestRef: UHB 17-457

Date 29 August 2017



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

Please can you tell me what proportion of cataract surgery cases are done with local anaesthetic without an anaesthetist allocated.

We have cover for all cataract cases, ie an anaesthetist puts the block in. We ensure efficiency by booking cataract lists with only local cases, so the anaesthetist can cover two theatres (lists with GAs a have a sole anaesthetist allocated). There are no planned lists without an anaesthetist allocated: there are rare occasions when surgeons do put their own blocks in for cataract surgery but there is always an anaesthetist present in the operating suite to provide ALS cover. There are NHS cataract cases performed around the city on a choose-and-book basis where there is no anaesthetist present and the surgeons perform their own blocks.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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