

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 17-553

Date 10 October 2017

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

- 1. How many transvaginal tape (TVT) implants were fitted in the past 12 months - up to August 2017? Please provide a month-by-month breakdown.**

We can confirm zero TVT implants have been fitted in the past 12 months at this Trust.

- 2. How many patients reported complications with their TVT implant in the past 12 months - up to August 2017? Please provide a month-by-month breakdown.**

Not applicable – see above response.

- 3. How many procedures were carried out to remove TVT implants in the past 12 months - up to August 2017? Please provide a month-by-month breakdown.**

Where numbers are fewer than *five* we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. There therefore find that the **Section 40(2)** exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information

- 4. How much money was spent on procedures to partially or totally remove TVT implants in the past 12 months - up to August 2017. Please provide a month-by-month breakdown.**

We can confirm the Trust spent £1,181 on procedures to partially or totally remove TVT implants in the past 12 months. We have not provided this information in the requested format due to the significantly low number of patients it relates to. We have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection

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Please note the figures are low because these procedures are now done under Urology at North Bristol NHS Trust.

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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