

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-615**

Date 14 November 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. (A) Please advise how many cases (headcount) of patients using your services have been recorded as being either potential modern slavery victims or as being 'trafficked' during 2017; 2016 and 2015? [Please separate the year totals if possible].**

There have been 11 cases of patients recorded as being either potential modern slavery victims or as being 'trafficked' between 2015 and 2017. We are unable to provide this data broken down by year due to low numbers as we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified, when considered with other information that may be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of information would breach the Data Protection Act. Therefore please find that Section 40 (2) exemption contained within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

(B) If you cannot identify the number of potential modern slavery or human trafficking victims who have used your services in the past three years, please explain why and whether there are plans to remedy this?

Not applicable.

- 2. Please advise who your safeguarding lead is by job title and name and specify whether this person is a designated nurse, doctor or other clinician?**

The Board level Executive Lead with the responsibility for safeguarding in University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust is Carolyn Mills, Chief Nurse.

- 3. Please identify how much budget or resource is allocated to tackling modern slavery and human trafficking within your organisation annually? [This might include training for staff; a specific new post or anything else]**

All Staff receive Modern Slavery training awareness as part of Essential training at Trust induction and as part of regular Safeguarding training updates.

4. Please advise what specific projects your organisation is taking related to tackling modern slavery and human trafficking? [This might include staff awareness days, specific training, nurse-led projects, conferences etc]

The Trust Safeguarding webpage contains specific information about Modern Slavery. It contains awareness information and resources to support staff in identifying potential victims and guidance on questions to ask. It also contains links to external organisations with further Modern Slavery training resources and guidance. Members of the Safeguarding Nursing team have attended external training and conferences. The Safeguarding team run an annual Safeguarding awareness exercise across all sites and this includes provision of Modern Slavery training resources direct to departments.

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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