

Date 07 September 2017



Thank you for your request for an internal review under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I have reviewed the Trust's response and can confirm the original response was an inaccurate. Please therefore find an amended version the Trust's response below:

- 1) Please confirm if University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust holds a plan submitted to NHS England and NHS Improvement as part of the capped expenditure process. *If confirmed, please release any plan(s) submitted to NHS England and NHS Improvement by University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust as part of the capped expenditure process***

We do not hold this information. UH Bristol was not required to submit a Capped Expenditure Plan as we already had an agreed operational plan in place.

- 2) Please confirm or deny if University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust holds any communications relating to the capped expenditure process between University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust and NHS England, NHS Improvement or the Department of Health. *If confirmed, please release all communications relating to the capped expenditure process between University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust and NHS England, NHS Improvement or the Department of Health***

We do hold the requested information however in order for us to provide the data in the level of detail required would require us to review a very large number of emails which would 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

- 3) Please confirm or deny if University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust holds any impact assessment undertaken as part of the capped expenditure process (whether by University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust or a third party), including on:
- a. patient safety
  - b. financial performance of statutory NHS bodies
  - c. NHS standards and obligations as set out in the NHS Constitution and Mandate

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- a. patient safety*
- b. financial performance of statutory NHS bodies*
- c. NHS standards and obligations as set out in the NHS Constitution and Mandate*

We do not hold this information

- 4) Please confirm or deny if University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust hold information on any cases where University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust has reduced clinical activity to reduce expenditure
- If confirmed, please release*

- a. the level of savings generated in the financial years 2016/17 and 2017/18 to date by reducing clinical activity in England*
- b. the relevant clinical activity reduced*
- c. the level of savings forecasted in the total 2017/18 financial year from reducing clinical activity in England*
- d. the relevant clinical activity planned to be reduced.*

We do not hold this information

- 5) Please confirm or deny if University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust holds any advice, legal or otherwise on the use of the following measures as part of ongoing cost saving initiatives:
- a. Restrictions on patient choice
  - b. Introduction of treatment thresholds
  - c. Restrictions on prescribing
  - d. Cessation of discretionary funding
  - e. Reductions in planned clinical activity

*If confirmed, please release any advice, legal or otherwise University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust has received commissioned or generated on the use of the following measures as part of ongoing cost saving initiatives:*

- a. Restrictions on patient choice*
- b. Introduction of treatment thresholds*
- c. Restrictions on prescribing*
- d. Cessation of discretionary funding*
- e. Reductions in planned clinical activity*

We do not hold this information

- 6) Please confirm or deny if University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust holds information on the total savings generated in 2016/17 and 2017/18 (to date) financial years through:
- a. Restrictions on patient choice
  - b. Introduction of treatment thresholds
  - c. Restrictions on prescribing
  - d. Cessation of discretionary funding
  - e. Reductions in planned clinical activity

*If confirmed, please release the total savings to date that University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust has made through each of the following measures in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 (to date) financial years through:*

- a. Restrictions on patient choice*
- b. Introduction of treatment thresholds*
- c. Restrictions on prescribing*
- d. Cessation of discretionary funding*
- e. Reductions in planned clinical activity*

We do not hold this information.

- 7) Please confirm or deny if University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust holds information on the external consultancy expenditure that University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust has spent in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 (to date) financial years. *If confirmed, please release the external consultancy expenditure that University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust has spent in the 2016/17 and 2017/18 (to date) financial years*

This information is publicly available in the Trust's Annual Report and Accounts on our website via the following link <http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/about-us/key-publications>.

- 8) Please confirm or deny if University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust holds information on plans created by University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust to involve:
- a. Patients
  - b. the public as part of the capped expenditure process

*If confirmed, please release any information on plans created by University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust to involve:*

- a. *patients*
- b. *the public as part of the capped expenditure process*

We do not hold this information.

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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