

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-765**

Date 5 January 2018

By Email

Dear Madam,

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

What is the total number of Covered stents deployed in Arterio venous (AV) fistula/graft access procedures in 2016-17?

Please note: 'Covered stents' are composed of fabric or graft material, such as polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), covering a metal stent. They have various clinical applications in peripheral arterial disease management. Applications include treatment of atherosclerotic disease, treatment of arteriovenous fistulae and management of failing dialysis grafts.

We do not have a clinical code specifically for covered stents inserted for the purpose stated in the request therefore 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
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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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