

Ref: UHB 18-349

**NHS Foundation Trust** 

## Freedom of Information Request

Date 09 July 2018

By Email

Dear

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

Please send me: A full report detailing your current investigation systems and procedures on the following matters. Who is leading this investigation, what exactly caused this electrical fire and what electrical safety certificates were in place to cover those electrical items that broke down, the date the last electrical contractor or electrician worked on the effected area which caught fire and the names of any electrical contractors and building contractors or maintenance engineering firms or individuals involved, additionally why it has taken so long to repair the damage and what electrical works were necessary in order to effect that repair and your final conclusions regarding this incident which was reported by the BBC and other news agencies – a summary is shown below.

There are a number of investigations into this incident which are currently ongoing. The Trust has chosen to apply exemption Section 30(1) of the FOI Act at this time due to the ongoing investigations. Section 30(1) provides an exemption from the duty to disclose information that a public authority has held at any time for certain investigations or proceedings.

## Public Interest Test:

The Trust is aware of the presumption of openness and transparency running through the Freedom of Information Act, and that public authorities should be accountable to the public for their actions and decision-making processes, as public funds are involved.

The Trust is aware of the presumption of openness, however the Trust has determined that at this time the importance of transparency is outweighed by the need to complete the key investigations ongoing before releasing related information publicly.

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

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click <a href="here.">here.</a>

Yours sincerely