

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-558

12 September 2019

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Section A

Framework Portals: Overview

1. Which departments within your organisation currently have access to a framework portal?
All departments.
2. Approximately how many of your staff are able to access a framework portal of some kind?
More than 40.
3. Are there any goods/services that do not currently make use of a procurement framework portal, but would benefit from one? (Please name).
No.
4. Can you please provide an estimation of the length of time your employees spend on framework portals? (If applicable).
This cannot be estimated, the Trust does not hold this information.
5. Please tick all that apply
Our staff find the current portals easy to use
Our staff think the portals provide good and sufficient pre-purchase information
Our staff believe that searching on portals is time consuming
Our staff think that the current portals are easy to access
Response to this question varies among employees. This is also an opinion type question which the Trust is not obliged to respond to according to the FOI Act.

Section B

Framework Portals: Artificial Intelligence

1. Has your organisation trialled or are they in the process of developing any goods or services using A.I. (Artificial Intelligence)?
No.
2. If you answered 'Yes' to question 1, are you looking to procure the good or service you have trialled through a procurement framework? - N/A.
Yes
No
Not Sure
3. If you answered 'Yes' to question 2, please provide the names of any A.I. suppliers or products that you are considering using for your organisation? - N/A.

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
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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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