

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-162**

Date 4 April 2017



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

What does your acute Complex Regional Pain Care Syndrome (CRPS) pathway look like for trauma and orthopaedic, rheumatology and hand acute services?

The Trust does not have a separate CRPS pathway across Trauma and Orthopaedic, Rheumatology or Acute Hand services. We abide by The Royal College of Physicians Good Practice Guidelines (December 2011), whilst using a person centred approach.

The symptoms of patients with CRPS can be variable and present secondary to other diagnoses for which the patient was referred. When it is identified patients are treated symptomatically. Patients are generally referred during hand clinic, or referred following consultant review where there are concerns regarding progress/ symptoms. The team are actively aware of the signs and symptoms of CRPS and on the need for early diagnosis (as this affects treatment).

The Trust uses the Budapest criteria to help with diagnosis and will approach the GP for pain management advice if required. We refer back for consultant review or for senior therapist review (in the case of less experienced staff) if patients are not improving. Our CRPS patient information leaflet was updated last year with new support information and is available upon request.

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 [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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