

Date 18 May 2017

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

**Has your hospital discontinued provision of hip precautions and/or assistive devices/equipment such as raised toilet seats, long-handled aids, long-handled shoe horns, sock-aids, long-handled sponges, bath benches, wedge pillows and perching stools to patients following total hip replacement (THR)?**

The Trust no longer provides hip precautions/equipment for hemiarthroplasty but all remain in place for total hip replacements – this includes provision of equipment such as raised seats, long handled aids, perching stools, bath boards if required. If the chair at home cannot be raised we would provide a high back chair.

We do not provide sock aids, sponges but information is provided on where to purchase. The Trust also does not provide wedge cushions.

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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