

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-475**

Date 25 August 2017



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

I would be grateful if you could send me the most recent fire risk assessment for your trust.

I can confirm that the Trust does carry out fire risk assessments. However, we have not provided the specific information you have requested, as we have judged it to be exempt from disclosure under **section 38 (1)(b)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which states that: **(1)**Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to— **(b)**endanger the safety of any individual.

Information disclosed under Freedom of Information becomes publicly available: this means that the impact of its disclosure must be considered before any information is released under the Act. The Trust determines that to disclose information regarding its fire risk assessments has the potential to prejudice its ability to prevent and react to fire (and theoretically to incentivise arson attacks if vulnerabilities have been identified in those risk assessments). Fire present a serious risk of harm to Trust staff and patients, including patients who are vulnerable and less mobile, especially as our premises are in use at all hours of the day and week. We have therefore deemed that there is greater public interest in the effective maintenance of our fire safety measures, protected by the non-disclosure of the risk assessments, than in disclosing the requested 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
BS1 3NU

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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