

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 18-128**

Date 6 March 2018

By Email

Dear Sir

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

Physical capacity**1. How many ophthalmology testing/consulting rooms does your Trust have in total? (Please include outpatient rooms/testing cubicles/mobile testing facility rooms etc)**

71 rooms in total:

- 34 consulting rooms (including mobile treatment unit)
- 7 treatment rooms
- 12 imaging/testing rooms (including OCT, HVF, Henson, Pachymetry etc.)
- 14 vision lanes (including mobile treatment unit)
- 6 Orthoptic assessment lanes

2. How many theatre sessions does ophthalmology use per week? Please state in number of sessions – e.g. 1 full day is two sessions.

41 sessions

3. Do you use mobile facilities either on site or in the community (e.g. motorised or tow-able facilities - e.g. see images) Yes No**4. If you answered yes to question 3, how many rooms do these provide?**

6 (4 consultation rooms and 2 vision rooms)

5. If you answered no to question 3, do you have any plans to add mobile facilities?

Yes

No - Not applicable.

6. Do you offer NHS care at weekends – i.e. six or seven day working

Yes

No

Workforce Capacity

7. How many ophthalmologists do you currently employ (all grades)? Please state this in “Full Time Equivalent” (FTE) numbers

50 FTE

8. How many ophthalmology posts (all grades) are currently vacant? Please state this in “Full Time Equivalent” (FTE) numbers

2 FTE

9. Are you experiencing recruitment difficulties in ophthalmology?

Yes

No

10. If you answered yes to question 9, please tick all the grades and staff groups where you are experiencing recruitment difficulties

- ophthalmology consultant grades
- ophthalmology SAS grades (including specialist doctors and associate specialists)
- junior doctor grades
- medical training grades
- ophthalmic nurses
- optometrists
- contact lens opticians
- orthoptists

Department Management

11. Do you have a departmental manager(s) for ophthalmology, and if so how many?

Yes, one.

12. How many years has he/she been in post? Please tick one box (if more than one manager answer based on the lead/head manager)

< 1year < 2 years >2 years

13. Does he/she also manage other non-ophthalmic facilities?

Yes

No

14. What is his/her Agenda for Change Pay band?

8b

External Capacity

15. Do you subcontract ophthalmology capacity from the independent sector?

Yes

No

16. If you answered yes to question 15, please tick the statement(s) that apply

- on a planned/permanent/semi-permanent basis

- on an ad hoc short-term basis when there are pressures

- for specific waiting list type initiatives

Paying Patients

17. Does your Trust provide or provide facilities for private ophthalmology services?

Yes

No

18. Do your employed ophthalmologists practise in these?

Yes

No

19. Do your employed ophthalmologists operate their own private practices from your premises?

Yes

No

20. Do independent ophthalmology providers provide services from your premises?

Yes

No

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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