

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 18-066**

Date 3 April 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:

1. Who is the ILD lead at University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust?

We do not have a lead for ILD at present. However, the chest physicians at the BRI have a good working relationship with the regional ILD Team at Southmead.

2. How do you envisage an effective service network of specialist sarcoidosis care, particularly referrals and communication between the specialist hub and the rest of the region, will function in the South West? What arrangements have been put place by University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust for developing this network?

It is our recommendation that patients with complex or progressive sarcoidosis are referred to the Regional ILD team at Southmead. However, if patients with complex or progressive sarcoidosis are seen in the BRI we refer the cases to the Regional ILD team at Southmead either for discussion or for the specialist ILD team to take over their care, whichever they recommend and depending on the patient's wishes.

The referral to the Regional team is done through a structured electronic referral form, in order to ensure consistency and thoroughness, and formal replies are received electronically. In addition, these are often supplemented by telephone calls between the BRI consultant and one of the specialist consultants at Southmead.

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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