

**Freedom of Information Request****Ref: UHB 18-111**

Date 3 May 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:

**We would be grateful if you could assist us by answering the following questions:**

**1) What brand of x-ray aprons do you use, what sizes and weights are these?**

We use various brands – our most recent procurement was from Rothband. Size and weight will be dependent upon several factors including apron style/ what type of examination the apron is worn for but the most frequently procured coat is the 0.25/150

**2) Do you have any reported MSD's due to wearing the aprons?**

No (not in Radiology) – staff have come to this Trust with MSD and we have worked with them to procure suitable protective aprons for the imaging they undertake and taking account of their particular MSD.

**3) What length of time are staff required to wear the aprons?**

Please be advised that this depends on where the apron is being worn and by whom but it can range from a few minutes to an hour and half for long intra operative procedures to 3 hours in a screening environment such as a fluoroscopy room, interventional room or Cath lab; staff working in these areas are encouraged to remove their protective aprons between patients/ cases.

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

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Yours sincerely,

  
**FOI Administrator**