

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 18-281**

Date 21 June 2018

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

- 1) The disclosure of a Home Office document has revealed that at least 16 NHS trusts have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Home Office in order to prevent ‘upfront access to healthcare to which illegal migrants are not entitled’.**
  - a. Has your NHS trust entered into such an MoU?**

No. The Trust has not entered into a MoU.
  - b. Please provide a copy of the MoU if so.**

Not applicable.
  
- 2) The same document reveals that at least 20 NHS trusts have been visited by Home Office Local Partnership managers to establish ‘robust immigration status checking systems’.**
  - a. Has your NHS trust had such a visit?**

The Trust has not had such a visit.
  - b. Please provide details of any such visit or visits including, but not limited to:**
    - i. Agendas of any meetings with Home Office Local Partnership managers;**
    - ii. Minutes of any such meetings, if available;**
    - iii. Documents/information packs/brochures/training materials/guidance relating to the visit or visits or created as a result of engagement with Home Office Local Partnership managers.**

Not applicable
  - c. Please provide documents/guidance/procedures as to the immigration status checking system that you have in place.**

Not applicable

- 3) Please also provide documents or information as to efforts that have been made to discharge the Trust's public sector equality duty in implementing the regulations. These would usually include, but are not limited to:**
- a. Equality impact assessments;**
  - b. Delivery of training to staff on implementation and avoiding discrimination;**
  - c. Written policies and guidance on implementation of the charging regime;**
  - d. Systems to monitor the impact of the charging regime on your service users, particularly those belonging to BME groups, foreign nationals, or those with other protected characteristics and any findings from such monitoring.**

We are currently embedding equality training into our training and awareness around overseas patient care. As a Trust we seek to embed equality understanding generally in our training and policy framework. Please see attached a template equality impact assessment which must be completed for each new Trust policy.

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

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Yours sincerely,

**FOI Administrator**