

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 18-130**

Date 01/08/2018

By Email

Dear Madam

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

- 1) A) Does the Trust allow women to have caesarean sections by maternal request (i.e. when a woman asks for a caesarean section when there is no other indication)?**

Yes. The Trust does allow women to request a LSCS without a medical indication.

- B) Only if you answer “No” to Q1: If possible, please state when this restriction was introduced (or state if it has always been Trust policy).**

Not applicable

- 2) A) Please provide the relevant policy and/or guideline which sets out the Trust's position on caesarean sections by maternal request. Please attach the document(s) or provide a direct link(s), stating page number if applicable.**

Please see attached.

- B) If applicable, please provide the patient information leaflet provided to women who ask for a maternal request caesarean section. Please attach the document or provide a direct link.**

We do not have a patient information leaflet specifically for women who ask for a maternal request caesarean section.

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