

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 18 - 454

Date 30 August 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. Please can you provide me information on the quantity of prescription medications, drugs and any other dispensed medical substances ("Drugs") disposed of during the summer heat wave (from the start of June 2018 until the most recent possible date when the search is made.**

There have been no reported 'medication incidents' of medication having to be wasted as a result of being stored in high temperatures due to the heat wave.

- 2. If you have a register of Drugs being disposed of including dates of the disposal, type and name of Drug, quantities involved, and value of each batch to be disposed of, please provide me with such a register for the given period.**

Not applicable

- 3. Otherwise, please provide information as to the overall quantity and value of Drugs to be disposed, and provide as much of a breakdown into the fields given previously as is possible.**

Not applicable

- 4. Please can you tell me whether (i) all, (ii) some, or (iii) which of the hospitals or medical centres that come under the Trust, have the appropriate facilities to refrigerate Drugs.**

All clinical areas that are required to store medication between 2-8C have access to appropriate medication specific fridge storage.

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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