

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 19-756**

10 January 2020

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

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

1. We are on the new NHS supply list for supply a wide range of Italian made compression stockings/hosiery called Gloria to trusts throughout the UK. We were included due to our wide range of products, high quality which are all RAL standard and particularly due to our very competitive pricing structure.

I would kindly appreciate it if you would let me know what the trust currently spend in a year on hosiery and I would love the opportunity to see if we can help in terms of cost savings yet still supply excellent products.

Compression stockings/hosiery is the usual term used for searching. Currently we supply products to theatres for patients after they have had vascular operations - venous and arterial insufficiency; lymphoedema departments – odema, etc; tissue viability/wound care departments – leg ulcers, etc! Other companies in the UK like Gardamed who supply similar products include; Medi UK, Activa, Sigvaris to name a few so I hope that is helpful. Our compression can be class 1, class 2 or class 3 depending on the amount of compression required (i.e. class 1 has less compression than class 3).

University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust has spent £63,173.73 on compression stockings in a year's period of time.

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:

Director of Corporate Governance  
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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