

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 20-020**

29 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. Staffing organization:
  - a. Please quantify the number of vacancies of radiology consultants in the Trust over the last three years:
    - 2016/2017: 4
    - 2017/2018: 4
    - 2018/2019: 6
  
2. Staff expenditure:
  - a. Can you please confirm whether the Trust uses an in-house staff bank or refers to agencies for recruiting consultant radiologists  
Yes, the Trust has its own staff bank for doctors to fill short term vacancies.  
Yes, the Trust occasionally refers to agencies for short term vacancies.
  
  - b. If the Trust has an in-house staff bank for consultant radiologists, could you please quantify the related expenditure, over the last three years?
    - 2016/2017: NIL.
    - 2017/2018: NIL.
    - 2018/2019: NIL.
  
  - c. On the contrary, if the Trust refers to an external agency for consultant radiologists, could you please quantify the related expenditure, over the last three years?
    - 2016/2017: NIL
    - 2017/2018: NIL
    - 2018/2019: NIL
  
  - d. In case of positive answer to question c), could you please confirm the name of the outsourced staff bank service provider.  
The Trust uses Medacs as its Master Vendor for short term agency placements of medical and dental staff.

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  
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

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