

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 20-136**

6 March 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. Are your linen and laundry services outsourced?  
Yes.
2. If so, who is your current linen and laundry service provider and from which laundry facility is it processed from?  
Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.
3. When does your contract with your existing linen service provider end?  
March 2020.
4. Is there an option to extend the current contract?  
This is now out to tender.
5. If so, how long is the extension period?  
Please see above response.
6. Is the current linen and laundry service a bulk rental, fully managed or pack to ward service?  
It is packed to ward.
7. What is the weekly volume of linen pieces required by your hospital/s (linen pieces including all items on linen hire and Trust owned)?  
Approximately 72,000 pieces.
8. What is the annual spend on linen services broken down by - rental linen, Trust owned linen, onsite distribution team?  
£1,000,000.

9. Who is the key contact for the linen contract at your hospital(s) (name, position and email address)?

General Manager, Facilities ([Linen@UHBristol.nhs.uk](mailto:Linen@UHBristol.nhs.uk) )

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

**FOI Team**  
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