

## Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-150

11 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:

## **Request:**

I was really pleased to see the latest Freedom of Information (FOI) request data released by Prostate Cancer UK. It shows that in just three years health services have achieved substantial progress in making multiparametric magnetic resonance imaging (mpMRI) scans before biopsy available to men with suspected prostate cancer across England.

As prostate cancer becomes the most commonly diagnosed cancer in England – as a result of our growing ageing population and men becoming more aware of their risk of prostate cancer - demand for prostate cancer diagnostic scans is set to continue to rise.

Prostate Cancer UK is looking to support radiology departments to receive the resources they need to ensure every man who could benefit gets access, now and in the future. The charity has developed a Diagnostic Pathway Demand Model to predict the level of demand for prostate cancer diagnostic resources in my area in the coming years. I thought this would be useful to you which is why I am sharing it with you.

I would be grateful if you could tell me if University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust has registered to access Prostate Cancer UK's Diagnostic Pathway Demand Model. It would also be great to know if you use it and if it helps you plan for the resources needed for future pre-biopsy mpMRI services in my area.

## Response:

University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust does not provide diagnostic services for prostate cancer; therefore this freedom of Information request is not applicable to the Trust.

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 BS1 3NU

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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