

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-012

13 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. Does your Trust you have specialist clinics for patients who have had treatment for cervical cancer and are experiencing the late effects of pelvic radiotherapy, e.g. bowel or urinary issues (also known as pelvic radiation disease or PRD)?
No, the Trust has a gastroenterologist with a special interest in late bowel effects but no dedicated clinic.
 - a. If so, please give details of:
 - i. The clinic(s) name and opening times
 - ii. Annual caseload
 - iii. The proportion of patients referred direct from oncology
 - iv. The proportion of patients referred from their GP
2. Does your oncology team have a standardised method of identifying people with PRD for referral (e.g. by asking patients the questions in the ALERT-B tool to support the clinical assessment of patients suitable for referral to a gastroenterologist)?
No.
3. Does your radiotherapy centre ensure patients are aware of possible acute and long-term side effects of pelvic radiotherapy before they undergo treatment? If so, how?
Yes, consent, patient information leaflets.
4. Does your radiotherapy centre offer a range of materials to support with acute or late effects of radiotherapy, e.g. booklets, symptom checklist, toilet cards? If so, what materials do you provide?
Yes, booklets, symptom checklist and toilet cards.
5. Do your gastroenterologists and dieticians use the PRD bowel algorithm, published in 'The Practical Management of the Gastrointestinal Symptoms of Pelvic Radiation Disease'? https://www.macmillan.org.uk/images/practical-management-gi-symptoms-pelvic-radiation-disease_tcm9-300557.pdf.
Dieticians of the Trust do not use the PRD bowel algorithm.
Gastroenterology does not use the algorithm directly but are familiar with its contents and the principles of management which are broadly followed.

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
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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