

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 20-157**

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:

**Request:**

1. Since 1 November 2018, how many applications regarding unlicensed Cannabis-Based Products for Medicinal Use (CBPMs) have been received by your Drug and Therapeutic Committee, or a similar clinical governance body? Please exclude Sativex and Epidiolex.
  - a. Please provide the therapeutic indication for the applications received e.g. chronic pain
  - b. Please detail from which department the request originated?
2. Of the total number of applications to your Drug and Therapeutic Committee, or a similar clinical governance body, how many applications for unlicensed CBPMs has the Trust declined since 1 November 2018? Please provide any details as to the reason/s behind declining the applications.
3. Of the total number of applications to your Drug and Therapeutic Committee, or a similar clinical governance body, how many applications for unlicensed CBPMs has the Trust accepted since 1 November 2018? Please provide any details of the application accepted where possible, including the cost of reimbursement and the product/s prescribed.
  - a. Please provide the therapeutic indication for the applications received e.g. chronic pain
  - b. Please detail from which department the request originated?
4. For applications to your Drug and Therapeutic Committee, or a similar clinical governance body, that have been accepted, please advise what the subsequent stage was (if there was one)? E.g. an Individual Funding Request being submitted or new entries being added to the Trust Formulary.
5. Please clarify whether funding for unlicensed Cannabis-Based Products for Medicinal Use is at CCG or Trust level?
6. Please clarify whether your Trust operates a policy with a capped number of prescriptions or duration of prescriptions for unlicensed Cannabis-Based Products for Medicinal Use?

**Response:**

University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust has not used or approved any unlicensed cannabis preparations.

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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