

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-511

18 September 2019

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. The number of surgeries performed using vaginal mesh to treat pelvic organ prolapse or urinary incontinence for the last available fiscal year and previous years (up to 10 years in the past).
The Trust less than 5 cases in 2014/15.
2. The total number of pelvic organ prolapse surgeries that were performed on women and men (separate statistics) between 01 April 2018 and 01 April 2019

Male Count	Female Count
<5	6

3. The total number of patients who were recommended pelvic floor muscle training as treatment for their pelvic organ prolapse between 01 April 2018 and 01 April 2019
The Trust does not hold information about recommendations to patients..

*Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by "<5". Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1, therefore find that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

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:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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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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