



Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-541

11 October 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:

Request:

1. How many BT shunt operations were performed in neonates at your Trust between 1994 and 1995?
2. The average size of graft used in BT shunt operations in neonates at your Trust between 1994 and 1995.
3. Operating theatre logs recording the size of BT shunts used in neonates in each operation over the period 1994 and 1995.

Response:

University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust has checked its digital databases and it does not have any data on patient activity prior to the year 2000.

The Trust would not therefore be able to digitally identify the neonate patients who had had shunt operations back in 1994 and 1995.

The Trust operated paper registers for this time period, which have been archived and would need to be retrieved to identify specific patient numbers and details. However, the graft size would not be routinely recorded in these registers. This information would be documented in the individual patient operation note created by the operating surgeon, and we would need to pull patient notes to clarify further. This would take the Trust more than 18 hours to complete and is therefore exempt from disclosure under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

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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