



Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-449

2 August 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. What is the most amount of post mortem cases that you are able to carry out in a single post mortem session?
Nil.
2. How many hospital post mortem examinations did you undertake between 1st April 2018 – 1st April 2019? (NHS only).
Nil.
3. How many coronial post mortem examinations did you undertake between 1st April 2018 – 1st April 2019?
Nil.
4. What is the average number of hospital post mortem examinations that you have undertaken over the past 3 financial years? (NHS only).
Nil.
5. What is the average number of coronial post mortem examinations that you have undertaken over the past 3 financial years?
Nil.
6. How many brain & spinal cord donations have you carried out over within the mortuary over the past 3 financial years?
Nil.

Please note that University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust has post mortem facilities on its site but the Clinical Pathology service is run and governed by North

Bristol NHS Trust.

7. How many members of staff do you employ within the mortuary? (This includes administration staff).
Two fulltime body-store assistants.
8. What qualifications (In relation to mortuary activity) do your employees currently hold?
None.
9. What NHS pay bands are your employees in? (NHS only)
Band 3.
10. What is your capacity for the storage of deceased?
80 Fridge spaces, 6 cold room spaces and 5 Freezer spaces.
11. Does your mortuary charge undertakers/service users for storage of deceased? (Assuming that the deceased would remain in your care for an extended period of time once they have been released to go.)
No.
12. If the answer to question 11 is yes, are the premises risk assessed and do they coincide with HTA regulations?
N/A, answer to question 11 is No.
13. Do you store deceased patients' offsite with non NHS service users? (NHS only)
No.
14. Do you actively undertake increased risk post mortem work? (Blood borne).
No.
15. Do you actively undertake increased risk post mortem work? (Air borne).
No.

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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