



Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-432

7 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. A copy of any correspondence sent and received by the trust about listeria from hospital sandwiches since 1 January 2016.

During May/June 2019 the Trust received email communication from Public Health England, NHS England and NHS Improvement (estates and facilities).

Please see below the NHS England & NHS Improvement e-mail:

From: Estatesandfacilities (NHS ENGLAND & NHS IMPROVEMENT - T1520) [<mailto:nhsi.estatesandfacilities@nhs.net>]
Sent: 12 June 2019 11:31
To: Estatesandfacilities (NHS ENGLAND & NHS IMPROVEMENT - T1520)
Subject: URGENT: Listeria Investigation - For the Attention of Directors of E&F (or equivalent)
Importance: High

Dear Directors of Estates and Facilities,

Please see the enclosed letter from Simon Corben in relation to cases of Listeria contamination which have been linked to food products from The Good Food Chain Company. We need to seek your assurance around the removal of any food products from this company from your respective NHS trusts.



We need responses by 5pm on Friday 14 June. Apologies in advance for this short deadline. These need to be sent to this mailbox – nhsi.estatesandfacilities@nhs.net

A copy of the related letter from Public Health England has also been enclosed for your information.

Further updates on this issue will be made via the Estates and Facilities Collaboration Hub. If you still need to register then please e-mail nhsi.efmportalsubmissions@nhs.net and this will be arranged within 24 hours."


NHS Estates | Commercial Directorate

The Trust asked and received written confirmation from all our suppliers and commercial partners confirming they do not receive any products from the Good Food Chain Company. The Trust responded to NHSI estates and facilities in June confirming this.

From:  <@UH Bristol.nhs.uk>
Sent: 14 June 2019 11:50
To: nhsi.estatesandfacilities@nhs.net
Subject: FW: URGENT: Listeria Investigation - For the Attention of Directors of E&F (or equivalent)

I can confirm that our in-house catering department and commercial partners do not receive any produce/products from the Good Food Chain Company.

Regards


General Manager Facilities
UH Bristol NHS Foundation Trust

2. A copy of any reports prepared by the trust about listeria and hospital sandwiches from 1 January 2016.

The Trust did not have to prepare any reports. We asked and received written confirmation from all our suppliers and commercial partners confirming they do not receive any products from the Good Food Chain Company.

3. The number of patients found or suspected to have contracted listeria from hospital sandwiches in each calendar year from 1 January 2016, including the current calendar year.

Nil.

4. Any correspondence with The Good Food Chain about listeria since 1 January 2016.

There was no correspondence between University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust and The Good Food Chain.

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
Bristol
BS1 3NU

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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