



**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 19-510**

16 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. How many private patient beds does your trust currently have in each of the following settings?
  - a. A dedicated private patient unit: Nil.
  - b. Private patient wards: Nil.
  - c. Other private beds eg. on or near NHS wards.  
The Trust does not ring-fence any beds for private patient activity.
2. What is the total number of private beds currently designated for self-pay patients?  
Nil.
3. Are NHS patients ever allocated private beds?  
N/A.  
If so, what proportion of private bed days would be taken up in this way (2018/19)?  
N/A.
- Please state the total annual cost to your NHS Trust in providing self-pay treatment in 2018/19.  
To answer this question the Trust would have to identify each self-paying patient, obtain the medical notes, identify the applicable episode in the notes and cost each individual component of that episode. This will involve multiple departments (Privates patients, IM&T, Medical Record, Clinical coding and Finance) and it 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.
4. Please state the total amount billed for provision of private treatment in 2018/19 to:
  - a. self-pay patients
  - b. private health insurer(s)

Please note that the Trust is unable to split out self-pay from insurance, therefore it can only provide a total for the year 2018/19:

Invoiced: £1,125,827.51

Outstanding: £8,745.00

5. Please state the amount received as a result of this billing in each case.

£1,117,082.51

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  
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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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