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INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2022/373

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.

Dear Wye Valley NHS Trust,

1. Please can you advise on the protocol regarding blood transfusions for people who decline them for various reasons ?
2. Do you have machines available in WVT to filter blood when needed that does not involve direct transfer between people ?

I have considered your request and have set out the Trust's response below:

1) We have provided our response on the supporting documents that you requested. Please note, that some names may have been redacted. This is in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office guidance on disclosure of data about employees, I consider the name of staff who are not at a high level of seniority to constitute their personal data, as defined by the UK General Data Protection Regulations. As such, this information is refused under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

2) We do have these machines in our theatres that we use.

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<https://www.wyevalley.nhs.uk/about-us/information-requests/freedom-of-information-requests.aspx>

If you have queries or any concerns my contact details are given at the top of the letter. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you are dissatisfied with the handling or response to your request and wish to ask for a review of this, please contact me and I will arrange this to be done.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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