

FOI 0365_2025 Response

Request

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to request information under the **Freedom of Information Act 2000** regarding the storage of brain tumours.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

1. Does your Trust hold a record or inventory of medical-grade freezer units used for the storage of biological, histopathology, research, or biobanking tissue samples?
 - A. If yes, please provide the (a) number of units and (b) storage temperature category (for example -20°C, -80°C)
2. Are any of these freezer units currently used for the rapid freezing and/or long-term storage of brain tissue samples?
 - A. If yes, please state (a) the number of units used for brain tissue and (b) the typical storage temperature used.
3. Regardless of current use, does the Trust have freezer units capable of supporting fresh- or flash- frozen brain tissue storage that is suitable for therapeutic development.
 - A. Does the Trust currently have access to rapid freezing equipment suitable for brain tissue?

Response

Please note that Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust explicitly provide mental health services and do not provide physical healthcare like an Acute Trust.

Your request for information is therefore not applicable to the Trust.