

FOI REF: 25/699

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the adoption of the new NHS healthcare uniform (see info attached and from NHS Supply Chain), which is being offered to trusts in England for their workforces.

1. Adoption status

Has your Trust committed to adopt the new NHS national healthcare uniform?

[Yes.](#)

2. Future commitment

If not yet adopted, is your Trust considering adopting the new uniform? (Yes/No/Undecided)

[Not applicable.](#)

3. Reason for non-adoption

If your Trust has not adopted and has no current plans to adopt the new NHS healthcare uniform, please give the reason(s):

- ☐ Financial constraints
- ☐ Awaiting further national guidance or evaluation
- ☐ Preference to retain existing uniform policy
- ☐ Logistical challenges (e.g., procurement, supply chain)
- ☐ Staff feedback / consultation outcomes
- ☐ Other (please specify)

[Not applicable.](#)

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4. Timescale

If your Trust has committed to adoption, please indicate the expected timescale of roll-out (if available), e.g. 12-18 months from October 2025.

This is likely to be an 18 month roll out time scale as we have yet to sign off the formal financial business case. This is because we are awaiting some additional information/costings around the recycling of the old uniform, and we have got to move people over into the required categories, to match across uniform to be able to plan the roll out programme.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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