

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-737

19 January 2023

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:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

1. How many requests for admissions have you had to decline for your paediatric intensive care unit in each of the following financial years: 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022 to date

Financial Year	Refusals
2020-2021	*
2021-2022	98
2022-2023	114

Please note: The figures for 2020-2021 are lower due to the pandemic so there were lower admission numbers.

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by *. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

2. Of those requests declined, how many of these were due to a lack of beds in each of the following financial years: 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022 to date

All.

3. Of those requests declined, what is the furthest away the patient had been referred from in each of the following three financial years: 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022 to date

2020-2021: None declined from around the region; the refusals for this year were in-house electives.

2021-2022: Truro (170 miles)

2022-date: Truro (170 miles)

4. What is the furthest away the trust has accepted a referral to its paediatric intensive care unit from in each of the following three financial years: 2020- 21, 2021-22, 2022 to date

2020-2021: Truro (170 miles)

2021-2022: Truro (170 miles)

2022-date: Leeds (210 miles)

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:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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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

Freedom of Information Team

