

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-032

15 February 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

How many pediatric patients are currently on the waitlist for planned open-heart surgery at BCH?

88

Ideally, it would also be helpful to know the number for the period from Nov 1 2022 - Jan 1 2023, and how that compares to the same periods in 2021 - 2022, 2020 - 2021, 2019 - 2020 and 2018 - 2019.

January 2023 77

January 2022 41

January 2021 23

January 2020 31

January 2019 61

How many pediatric open-heart surgeries at BCH were cancelled due to a lack of intensive care beds for the period from Nov 1 2022 - Jan 1 2023, and what were the figures for the same periods for each year from 2018 - 2022.

01-Nov-2022 to 01-Jan-2023 11

01-Nov-2021 to 01-Jan-2022 *

01-Nov-2020 to 01-Jan-2021 *

01-Nov-2019 to 01-Jan-2020 8

01-Nov-2018 to 01-Jan-2019 7

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).

Can you share figures of cases of pediatric cardiomyopathy requiring treatment in intensive care at BCH for each month from August - December 2022?

August 2022 0

September 2022 *

October 2022 *

November 2022 *

December 2022 *

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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
Bristol
BS1 3NU

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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(such as your name, email and so on) from any information we make public to protect your personal information.

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Yours sincerely

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