

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-036

31 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

Emergency Departments

Data required (for period between 1st January 2022 and 31st December 2022)

- We require the gender of the patient (M or F), the date that they attended due to assault (dd/mm/yyyy) and their age. Age can either be numerical to the nearest year (preferred) or in age bands ("0-10", "11-17", "18-30", "31-50", "51+"), we can also accept date of birth.

Site	Age group				
	0-10	11-17	18-30	31-50	51+
Bristol Royal Children's Hospital	8	38			
Female	*	17			
Male	7	21			
Bristol Eye Hospital		*	32	33	7
Female			*	9	*
Male		*	29	24	6
Bristol Royal Infirmary		31	449	350	109
Female		14	100	96	24
Indeterminate			*		
Male		17	348	254	85

We have provided the data for the period 1st January 2022 – 31st December 2022. Due to patient confidentiality, we are not providing the date attended data as we have considered that there is the

potential for the individuals to be identified when considered with other information that may be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of information would breach the Data Protection Act. Therefore, please find that Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

This figures above do not include data from Weston General Hospital. The coding system used there is different. Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

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).

• To calculate the level of assault-related injury in England and Wales we also require the total number of attendances for any reason in the year of interest, i.e., 2022.

194,530

• Please also include the names of hospitals (including Minor Injury Units and Walk-in Centres) providing assault data.

Bristol Eye Hospital

Bristol Royal Children's Hospital

Bristol Royal Infirmary

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

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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

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