

Ref: 23-109

Freedom of Information Request

27 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

For all the below, if the data is only available since the formation of the Trust rather than through all years as with previous responses, then please provide those years that are available with an explanation.

PART 1

I believe the Trust does hold this information in an easily retrievable format. I am asking for information from the Learning from Deaths mortality review, which has been conducted by the Trust. The number of deaths considered more likely than not to have occurred due to problems in care is the number that crosses the 50/50 threshold in the SJR methodology which is part of the review. Please provide these numbers for each financial year since 2017/18.

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply Section 21 of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain on the following links:

2017/2018:

https://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/media/3155987/uhb quality report 2017-18 web version.pdf

2018/2019:

https://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/media/3600119/00856_uhb_quality_report_2018_19_web.pdf

2019/2020:

https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/uhb quality account 2019-20 - final agreed.pdf

2020/2021:

https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/uhbw_quality_account_2020-21_-_final_post-board.pdf

2021/2022:

https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/uhbw_quality_account_2021-22 - final.pdf

Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

PART 2

Please provide the mean average of the top five longest discharge delays in your trust in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. I recognise there has been a new methodology for this ('no longer fits the criteria to reside' rather than DTOC) since early 2020, and that therefore the figures for 2021 and 2022 are not directly comparable to previous years

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Max of Days	75	109	95	160	157
Average of Days	67.40	88.80	67.50	96.20	123.00

PART 4
Please provide the mean average of the top five longest period of time that a patient spent on a waiting list for an elective procedure in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Average of days	2530.50	2007.50	1717.80	1614.00	1534.80
on wait list					

Please note: This response does not include data from Weston General Hospital pre-merger (before April 2020) due to the data being held on a different system and would involve a manual trawl - 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.

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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