

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-475

24 July 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
- **The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital with an eating disorder between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day.**

Please see the attached spreadsheet. 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).

- **The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital with anorexia between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day.**

2013: 6

2014: 10

2015: 8

2016: 8

2017: 8

2018: 7

2019: 12

2020: 10

2021: 8

2022: 8

2023: *

We have not provided the information in the requested format 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.

- **The number of people admitted to your Trust's hospital where obesity was the cause or a significantly contributing factor between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available. the condition diagnosed and their length of duration of stay in hospital to the nearest day.**

Please see the attached document.

- **The number of patients who have undergone weight loss surgery at your Trust's hospital between January 2013 and July 2023 broken down by type of surgery (eg bariatric).**

The weight management service is hosted at North Bristol Trust – please email FOI@nbt.nhs.uk

- **The number of patients who have been referred to a specialist weight management service at your hospital if applicable, between January 2013 and July 2023.**

Paediatrics: 140 since the paediatric Excess Weight Clinic opened in April 2022.

The weight management service for adults is hosted at North Bristol Trust – please email FOI@nbt.nhs.uk

- **The number of children attending your emergency department where their mental health was recognised as the cause for presenting between January 2013 and July 2023 or the latest data available.**

Please see the attached document.

I would like you to provide this information in the following format:

- **Broken down by month, age and sex where possible.***

We have not provided the information in the requested format 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 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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