

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-722

20 October 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
- **Admissions to A&E of children aged under 18 with symptoms of allergic reaction (hives/vomiting/swelling/wheeze) or anaphylaxis who have either, 1. been conveyed by ambulance from a school or education setting 2. been admitted on a weekday during 8.30-4pm. Please also provide quantities of children then admitted to wards or ICU from this cohort.**
- **Please break down the information by year from 2016-present. For each child, please clarify their symptom category, whether they were conveyed or self-presented, whether they were admitted to ward, whether they were admitted to ICU, length of stay**

Please see our response below:

All Records	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Emergency Department Attendances	25	38	71	139	139	201	207	206
Admitted into Ward	13	12	10	18	11	16	11	11
Ambulance arrivals	18	20	20	27	35	35	23	19
Seen within 4 hours	24	37	72	133	138	201	196	204
Seen over 4 hours	*	*	*	6	*	*	16	6

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. This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

Allergic Reaction	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Emergency Department Attendances	22	34	64	133	135	196	201	202
Admitted into Ward	10	9	*	13	7	15	8	8
Ambulance arrivals	15	16	15	21	31	30	17	18
Seen within 4 hours	21	34	65	128	135	197	193	201
Seen over 4 hours	*	0	*	*	*	*	13	*

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Anaphylaxis	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Emergency Department Attendances	*	*	7	6	*	*	6	*
Admitted into Ward	*	*	7	*	*	*	*	*
Ambulance arrivals	*	*	*	6	*	*	*	*
Seen within 4 hours	*	*	7	*	*	*	*	*
Seen over 4 hours	0	*	*	0	*	*	*	*

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Seen over 4 hours	0	*	*	0	*	*	*	*

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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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Yours sincerely

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