

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 23-750**

19 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 some of the information you are requesting

**1. Please can you provide a spreadsheet detailing the first diagnosis of people treated in A&E between 17:00 21/3/2021 and 12:00 22/3/2021 in Bristol's main A&E hospitals (BRI and Southmead)?**

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. For information regarding Southmead hospital, please contact North Bristol NHS Trust at [foi@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@nbt.nhs.uk)

**2. Do any of these diagnoses / records mention batons, pepper spray or shield inflicted wounds? If so, how many?**

The word 'protest' was recorded eight times.

**3. Please can you provide a spreadsheet detailing the first diagnosis of people treated in A&E between 17:00 14/3/2021 and 12:00 15/3/2021 in Bristol's main A&E hospitals (BRI and Southmead)?**

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. For information regarding Southmead hospital, please contact North Bristol NHS Trust at [foi@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@nbt.nhs.uk)

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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