

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-752

23 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 not hold the information you are requesting

The number of patients who died whilst on your trusts waiting list to start cancer treatment for each of the years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023 so far.

We cannot provide this information as cancer waiting lists are very complex and change all the time. Cancer patients come on and off waiting lists between providers multiple times, patients can be listed for treatments and then plans changed (including if the patient dies) so the decision to treat is removed; lots of patients are listed for treatment before they are diagnosed. 'Waiting to start cancer treatment' can refer to patients on a suspected cancer pathway or those with a decision to treat. Please note that Referral to Treatment (RTT) pathways are different to cancer pathways and not everyone on a cancer pathway will be on an RTT pathway.

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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