

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-820

17 November 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

1. The total number of patients cared for during 12 months between 01/10/2022 and 01/10/2023:

233,920

2. Number of inpatients that developed bed sores, pressure sores or pressure ulcers for the twelve months between: 01/10/2022 and 01/10/2023.

40

3. Total number of pressure sore incidents by grade, not number of patients, as some patients may develop more than one pressure ulcers between: 01/10/2022 and 01/10/2023

- Grade 1 0
- Grade 2 *
- Grade 3 *
- Grade 4 *

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.

4. The proportion of these pressure sores that were new, and had therefore occurred since.

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5. The number of patients admitted from residential or nursing homes with pressure

sores.

We cannot provide this information - our systems record residential and nursing homes as 'usual place of residence', so we are unable to say how many came from a nursing home.

6. The number of death certificates in this period on which pressure sores were mentioned.

We do not hold this 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
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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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