

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-844

23 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

The longest time it took for a person aged 18 and under to be seen after arriving at your Trust's Accident and Emergency department broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so far

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 aged 18 and under waiting more than four hours to be seen after arriving at your Trust's Accident and Emergency department broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so far

Year	Seen Time >4hrs
2018	308
2019	556
2020	186
2021	1210
2022	2504
2023	1233

The number of people under the aged 18 and under waiting more than twelve hours to be seen after arriving at your Trust's Accident and Emergency department broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so far

Year	Seen Time >12hrs
2019	*
2020	*
2021	*
2022	7
2023	*

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local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

The number of people aged 18 and under seen by your Trust's Accident and Emergency department broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so far.

Year	Total Discharges
2018	55691
2019	60441
2020	40713
2021	55459
2022	62081
2023	51330

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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