

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 24-021**

5 February 2024

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 data we require are as follows (for period 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2023) in an electronic format.**

**Data required (for period between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2023) in the Emergency Departments**

- **We require the gender of the patient (M or F), the date that they attended due to assault (dd/mm/yyyy) and their age. Age can either be numerical to the nearest year (preferred) or in age bands ("0-10", "11-17", "18-30", "31-50", "51+"), we can also accept date of birth.**

Please see our response in the table below:

<b>Age group</b>	<b>Female number of patients</b>	<b>Male Number of patients</b>
0-10	41	40
11-17	87	162
18-30	205	418
31-50	210	431
50+	121	200

- **To calculate the level of assault-related injury in England and Wales we also require the total number of attendances for any reason in the year of interest, i.e., 2023.**

198,746 (1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023)

- **Please also include the names of hospitals (including Minor Injury Units and Walk-in Centres) providing assault data.**

Bristol Royal Infirmary

Bristol Eye Hospital

Bristol Royal Hospital for Children  
Weston General Hospital

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.

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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