

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-136

22 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with information on mouth cancer at your trust.

The number of cases of mouth cancer diagnosed at your Trust in each of the calendar years a) 2023, b) 2022, c) 2021, d) 2020, e) 2019

Year	No. of patients
2019	166
2020	166
2021	174
2022	143
2023	176

The number of cases of mouth cancer in those under 18 diagnosed at your Trust in each of the calendar years a) 2023, b) 2022, c) 2021, d) 2020, e) 2019

Year	Age group	No of patients
2019	Under 18	0
2020	Under 18	0
2021	Under 18	0
2022	Under 18	*
2023	Under 18	*

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local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.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 one year survival rate for mouth cancer at your NHS Trust in each of the calendar years a) 2023, b) 2022, c) 2021, d) 2020, e) 2019

The five year survival rate for mouth cancer at your NHS Trust in each of the calendar years a) 2023, b) 2022, c) 2021, d) 2020, e) 2019

The one year survival rate for mouth cancer in those under 18 at your NHS Trust in each of the calendar years a) 2023, b) 2022, c) 2021, d) 2020, e) 2019

The five year survival rate for mouth cancer in those under 18 at your NHS Trust in each of the calendar years a) 2023, b) 2022, c) 2021, d) 2020, e) 2019

18 or over					
1 year survival rate	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	76.03%	77.71%	83.13%	75.86%	75.52%
5 year survival rate	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	61.11%	53.38%	50.35%	46.95%	53.72%

Under 18					
1 year survival rate	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	n/a`	n/a	100.00%	100.00%	n/a
5 year survival rate	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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

Publication

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Yours sincerely

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