

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-202

08 July 2020

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:

Request:

I would be keen to receive any data you have on the number of admissions to your A&E departments that may have a domestic abuse element, either suspected or confirmed.

In percentage form, I would like to know if such figures reflect a change in real terms (an increase or decrease of X%). Similarly, have admissions of other accident/emergency injuries or health issues increased or decreased during this time, and by what percentage.

Response:

The Trust's Independent domestic abuse advisors normally have 20-25 referrals over each 4 weeks.

In February 2020 there were 27 referrals in 4 weeks.

From March 23rd to 6th May 2020 there were 20 referrals.

However this is in the context of a 50-60% reduction in daily attendances to the ED during April, which is now (May) at about 75% of normal daily attendances.

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:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street

Bristol
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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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