

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-239

13 August 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:

We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting.

1. What is the name of:

a. Your Trust

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust.

b. The hospitals run by your trust

Bristol Royal Infirmary
Bristol Heart Institute
South Bristol Community Hospital
St Michael's Hospital
Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre
Bristol Royal Hospital for Children
Bristol Eye Hospital
Bristol Dental Hospital
Weston General Hospital

2. Between the 19th March – 15th April 2020 how many patients from your hospital(s) were discharged into residential care/nursing home?

119 patients

3. Of those discharged in question 2 how many were tested for COVID-19?

16 patients

Before April 15th the national guidance was not to test patients for Covid-19 before discharge to a care home. The national guidance was updated on April 16th with the move to a policy of testing all patients being discharged to care homes from hospital. Imminent discharges were already in progress as this was rolled out. All referral forms for discharges to care homes included the patient's current Covid information (i.e

patient symptomatic or asymptomatic), plus whether they had been on a ward with Covid-positive patients. These referral forms were provided to the care homes at the point of handover. All care homes accepted these patients and appropriate PPE was sent with the patients as required.

4. Of those who were tested COVID-19 from question 3, how many:

a. Tested positive for COVID-19

1 patient

b. How many tested negative for COVID-19

15 patients

c. How many did not have the results before the patient was discharged?

Nil

d. Results were inconclusive

Nil

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
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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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