

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-284

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 some of the information you are requesting.

1. How many covid-19 outbreaks have there been in care homes in your region between March 1st and June 16th 2020?

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust does not operate any care homes.

2. How many care homes did you provide oxygen to as a result of covid-19 outbreaks between:

a. March 1st to April 15th

Nil.

b. April 15th to June 16th

Nil.

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust does not operate any care homes and therefore has not provided any care homes with oxygen as a result of Covid-19 outbreaks.

3. How many hospital patients were discharged to care homes between:

a. March 1st up to and including April 14th

177 patients.

b. April 15th up to and including June 16th

149 patients.

4. How many hospital patients discharged to care homes were tested for covid-19?

Please give totals for:

a. March 1st up to and including April 14th

7 patients.

b. April 15th up to and including June 16th

133 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.

5. How many of the test results in Q4 were:

| Results - March 1 st up to and including April 14th | Total |
|--|-------|
| Positive | <5 |
| Negative | 6 |
| Inconclusive / void | 0 |

6. How many of the hospital patients discharged to care homes who tested positive for covid-19 were asymptomatic?

We do not hold this information as it is not captured by the testing and results system. To obtain this information we would have to manually review the individual records of all of the patients tested which would take more than 18 hours and is therefore exempt from response under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

7. How many covid-19 related ambulance call-out requests did you receive from care homes between:

a. March 1st to April 15th

Nil.

b. April 15th to June 16th

Nil.

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust does not operate any ambulance services and has therefore not received any covid-19 related ambulance call-out requests..

8. How many of the call-out requests referred to in Q6 did you send an ambulance to between:

a. March 1st to April 15th

Not applicable.

b. April 15th to June 16th

Not applicable.

- 9. How many care home residents did you admit to hospital between March 1st to June 16th. Please give totals for:**
- a. Those with suspected or confirmed covid-19**
148 patients.
 - b. Non-covid-19 related patients**
313 patients.

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
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Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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