

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-300

16 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:

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

1. We will be grateful if you can provide anonymised data (number of children, their age at diagnosis and gender) of all children below the age of 16 years who were diagnosed in your hospital with achalasia (ICD code K22.0).

Patient Age	No of Patients
1-5	6
6-10	<5
11-15	15

Patient Sex	No of Patients
M	9
F	15

Please note that as there were no time parameters on this request the Trust has applied the same date parameters as in question 2 as a default.

Please also note that we had to group the age and separate the gender data to avoid low numbers. Where the numbers are low, we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided. 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, therefore find that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information

2. Separately, also provide the number, age at time of operation and gender of children who have had myotomy (OPCS code G09.1) between April 2008 to April 2020.

The number of patients who have had myotomy is less than 5.

Where the numbers are low, we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided. 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, therefore find that the 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:

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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