

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 20-367**

18 November 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 hold some the information you are requesting

**1. How many patients with Inherited Retinal Dystrophy are registered with your Ophthalmology service?.**

We are able to provide the number of hospital inpatients in the last five years who had a diagnosis for Inherited Retinal Dystrophy (IC10 code H35.5).

Patients admitted with H35.5

2015 16

2016 22

2017 25

2018 26

2019 30

2020 17

Grand Total 136

**2. What is the total number of Inherited Retinal Dystrophy patients that attended an Ophthalmology clinic within your Trust in the four-month period from Nov 2019-Feb 2020?**

We do not hold this information as we do not record diagnosis in outpatients and it would take more than 18 hours to obtain the information. Disclosure is therefore exempt under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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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