

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 20-568

6 January 2021

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. An electronic copy of any policies, procedures or guidelines within the trust regarding or relating to patient discharge from hospital: specifically -**
 - a. Patient self-discharge from hospital**
 - b. Discharge against medical advice**
 - c. Missing/Absconded patients**please see the attached policies

- 2. Your 30-day readmission rates from the dates of 01/05/2020 to 01/11/2020 for patients who were:**
 - a, Admitted in an emergency (on the original spell/admission).**
 - b, Chose to self-discharge/ discharge against medical advice****My area of specific interest is emergency care and acute medicine wards.**
Please see the attached spreadsheet

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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