

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 20-582**

18 December 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: The number of people that have died directly of Covid 19 symptoms who did NOT have underlying health conditions in Weston General Hospital from April - November 30th broken down into months.**

We do not differentiate to this detail as per national NHSE/I guidance.

We are recording and reporting deaths of all patients who have tested positive to Covid-19 and have subsequently died within 28 days of a positive test result as per government guidance

Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information if it is already reasonably accessible in the public domain.

This information is reasonably accessible in the public domain on the following link:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-daily-deaths/>

**2: The number of people who have died of Covid 19 who DID have underlying health Conditions April – November again broken down into Months.**

The deaths that are publically available records show, 210 had underlying health complications – that data is unable to be split into months or any greater detail and is an overall number.

**3: How many patients you are currently treating for Covid 19 who do not have an underlining health condition.**

We do not hold this information in a way we can report as we would have to manually walk around wards and look at medical records. Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying

information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

#### **4: The general age of patients that have directly died from Covid 19 since March 2020**

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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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