

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 20-587

7 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 some of the information you are requesting

Please can I request under the Freedom of Information Act, the number of referrals for oral cancer that your hospital(s) have received over the last 21 months?

If you also have the outcome of the referral too, that would be useful e.g. positive diagnosis for cancer, negative diagnosis for cancer.

Please can I request this data from March 2019 to November 2020. I would need these broken down on a month-to-month basis please e.g. March 2019, April 2019 etc.

Year_Month	Total
2019 03	420
2019 04	425
2019 05	424
2019 06	399
2019 07	469
2019 08	385
2019 09	366
2019 10	432
2019 11	365
2019 12	340
2020 01	472
2020 02	420
2020 03	327
2020 04	185
2020 05	316
2020 06	401
2020 07	434
2020 08	398

2020 09 384
2020 10 449
2020 11 421

These results reflect the number of GP suspected cancer referrals to the Head and Neck Specialty. Note this includes suspected oral cancer but also includes all other types of suspected head and neck cancers. This is due to the fact we do not hold the information for suspected oral cancers only.

We do not hold information on outcomes from referrals on our systems.

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

Publication

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Yours sincerely

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