

Ref: 20-609

Freedom of Information Request

14 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

From March 2020 - December the 11th 2020 how many deaths have you had from Coronavirus 19 Please include people who died of covid19 with no underlying health condition

We have had 210 deaths with underlying conditions, you can subtract that from the deaths data in the link below. 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. We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply Section 21 of the FOIA as 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/
Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

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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