

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 20-634

29 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. How many Covid patients do you have in your hospitals now (or latest figures)?

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-hospital-activity/>

Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information if it is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

2. How many Covid patients were being treated in your hospitals at the peak of the pandemic in April?

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:

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3. How many patients are on ventilators now compared to the peak of pandemic in April?

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4. How many ICU beds do you have across hospitals?

Currently we have 113 in total, this covers adults and paediatrics (this does not include escalation beds). Breakdown:

- Adult = 64
- Paediatrics = 18
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit = 31

5. How many ICU beds did you have last year (in 2019)?

93, this covers adults and paediatrics (this does not include escalation beds and please note that in 2019 this would not have included Weston General Hospital as University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust and Weston Area Health Trust did not merge until April 2020 to become University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust). Breakdown:

- Adult = 44
- Paediatrics = 18
- Neonatal Intensive Care Unit = 31

6. What is your capacity for patients overall?

Currently we have 1,102 (does not include escalation beds) inpatient beds for adults and paediatrics. 962 of these are adult beds.

Note this covers all inpatient beds across all specialties: Adult, Paediatrics, Maternity, Oncology, Ophthalmology.

7. What was your capacity this time last year (December 2019)

930 inpatient beds for adults and paediatrics (this does not include escalation beds and please note that in 2019 this would not have included Weston General Hospital as University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust and Weston Area Health Trust did not merge until April 2020 to become University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust). 765 of these were adult beds.

Note this covers all inpatient beds across all specialties: Adult, Paediatrics, Maternity, Oncology, Ophthalmology.

8. How many staff do you have off ill due to Covid?

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-hospital-activity/>

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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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