

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 20-638**

13 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

**I write to you on behalf of the Violence Research Group of Cardiff University. We are conducting an annual national study of attendances to Emergency Departments for assault-related injury and would be grateful if your department could provide us with attendance data for 2020. This data will be used, as in previous years, to analyse trends in violence in England and Wales from injury perspective.**

**The data we require are as follows (for period 1st January 2020 and 31st December 2020) in an electronic format that allows us to read the data into a database. Many hospitals respond to our survey and provide data in the form we require. Preferably this format is in an excel file or comma separated text file.**

**We require the gender of the patient (M or F), the date that they attended due to assault (dd/mm/yyyy) and their age. Age can either be numerical to the nearest year (preferred) or in age bands ("0-10", "11-17", "18-30", "31-50", "51+"), we can also accept date of birth.**

Month (2020)	0 to 10	11 to 17	18 to 30	31 to 50	51+	Female	Male	Unknown Sex
January	**	18	54	43	13	31	100	**
February	**	20	45	32	9	33	74	**
March	**	13	27	20	8	23	46	**
April	**	**	8	27	7	11	33	**
May	**	6	24	21	12	27	36	**
June	**	6	16	32	10	21	44	**
July	**	8	54	42	8	30	81	**
August	**	12	58	34	10	26	87	**
September	**	15	39	26	6	25	62	**
October	**	15	26	25	8	26	48	**
November	**	8	33	16	12	27	44	**

December	**	10	19	17	9	19	39	**
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Please note that the Trust is unable to provide the individual dates of attendance as we have considered there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Please also note that where the figures are fewer than 5, this has been denoted by \*\*. Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. Therefore under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we will not be disclosing this information at this time. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

**To calculate the level of assault-related injury in England and Wales we also require the total number of attendances for any reason in the year of interest, i.e. 2020.**

Month (2020)	0 to 10	11 to 17	18 to 30	31 to 50	51+	Female	Male	Unknown Sex
January	2,984	920	1,866	1,873	2,424	4,829	5,229	9
February	2,928	866	2,042	1,693	2,292	4,620	5,193	8
March	2,380	640	1,319	1,384	1,879	3,590	4,006	6
April	1,269	299	700	934	1,381	2,211	2,368	**
May	1,585	471	1,081	1,342	2,001	3,101	3,370	9
June	1,755	587	1,266	1,563	2,206	3,537	3,834	6
July	1,820	652	1,474	1,660	2,143	3,691	4,045	13
August	2,015	677	1,736	1,744	2,062	3,995	4,229	10
September	2,259	843	1,608	1,713	2,161	4,103	4,473	8
October	2,170	828	1,644	1,680	2,123	4,048	4,386	11
November	1,920	702	1,523	1,542	1,968	3,812	3,833	10
December	1,890	631	1,252	1,553	2,154	3,621	3,847	12

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**Please also include the names of hospitals providing assault data.**

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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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