

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-150**

6 April 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

**Please can you tell me how many Structured Judgment Reviews (SJRs) the trust has carried out since 1st January 2020**

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**and how many of these reviews involved the death of a patient with hospital acquired Covid: If the trust does not use the SJR method, please can you give me the numbers for the equivalent method you use e.g. a Serious Incident.**

The Trust does use SJRs, but for patients found to have died with or from Covid, reviews have instead been conducted by a specially convened harm panel: 108 cases were found to be probable cases ie. a positive test 8-14 days after admission or definite cases ie. testing positive 15 days or more after admission;

**What was the outcome of the SJRs (or SIs, if the SJR system is not used).**

43 of those reviewed were assessed to have died 'from' rather than 'with' Covid.

**For each SJR please give a brief summary of outcome e.g. any particular processes that were changed, any conclusion as to what went wrong).**

Root cause analysis has been undertaken in all cases where an individual was assessed to have died 'from' Covid. These investigations have generated a number of recommendations for specific Trust measures which primarily involve the review of existing processes or policies to ensure they optimise patients journeys during a time of pandemic. In other cases recommendations have been made to develop and implement new standard operating procedures to capture amended ways of working such as COVID-19 swabbing or communication with families when visiting is restricted.

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

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Yours sincerely

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