

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-169

1 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

Further to your correspondence below, I would like to request a review as to why my FOI wasn't answered.

Your answers suggest this information is publicly available. That is patently not true. National data does not give the number of hospital acquired (nocosomial) Covid deaths. Similarly, I dispute the notion that NHS England does not wish you to collate nocosomial infection rates by 8+ and 15+ days' - with lots and lots of other trusts happy to provide this data, it is clearly not that problematic.

Under the terms of the FOI Act, when information is in the public interest, it should be disclosed. Also given lots of other trusts have provided this information, trusts patently do collect this information

As per our previous response, we can confirm the Trust does hold this information; however, under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are not obliged to provide information that is already publically accessible by reasonable means. This information can therefore be found at

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-hospital-activity/>

The monthly publication data sheet covers:

- The number of patients in hospital with Covid including those in mechanical ventilation
- The number of patients admitted to hospital with Covid
- The number of patients diagnosed in hospital with Covid
- The number of patients discharged from hospital
- Staffing absences

Since I sent my email earlier, I have found this story in which you have admitted to 31

nocosomial deaths in September. So clearly you have the information and you have publicised them. It's therefore just a question of updating the figures.

The story to which you refer related to an investigation into a specific outbreak at Weston General Hospital during 2020.

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
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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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