

Ref: 21-171

Freedom of Information Request

9 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 hold some the information you are requesting
- 1. How many people have died within the trust since December 2019 where the cause of death is SOLELY covid-19 and no underlying health issues were deemed to have contributed.

The Trust does not differentiate to this detail as per national NHSE/I guidance. 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-daily-deaths/

2. How many attempted suicides and deaths deemed to be suicides has the trust experienced over the same period.

We are unable to answer this as we are unable to determine what is accidental or deliberate or whether it was a suicide attempt.

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 BS1 3NU 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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