

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-191

14 May 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

Can you please provide me with your most up to date figure, for the 12 months from March 2020 to February 2021, for the number of suicides and the number of deaths due to cancer.

Can you also provide the same figures for the same period in the previous 2 years.

We do not capture the cause of death in our systems. I've provided the number of patients who were discharged from an inpatient spell with a diagnosis related to cancer, and who also died between the dates requested.

Cancer Deaths

Mar 20 - Feb 21 - 272

Mar 19 - Feb 20 - 355

Mar 18 - Feb 19 - 362

We are unable to answer the question on suicide as we are unable to determine what is accidental, 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
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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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