

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-375**

22 July 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 not hold the information you are requesting
- 1. The number of eye examinations held in the years 2019, 2020, and 2021, broken down quarterly if possible.**  
We do not hold this information. Our systems do not hold outpatient information like diagnosis or whether an examination is for an eye examination.
  - 2. The number of diagnoses of wet and dry macular degeneration, brain tumour(s), and open-angle, angle-closure, and secondary glaucoma which might have been detected by an eye examination in the years 2019, 2020, and 2021, broken down quarterly if possible.**
  - 3. The number of people diagnosed with sight loss, or partial sight loss, or other visual impairment, for the years 2019, 2020, and 2021.**
  - 4. An estimate of the number of people whose conditions above have become significantly worse because of the lower rates of eye exams during Covid.**
  - 5. Where this information is held, I would like the above information to be broken down by age range, ethnicity, and gender.**

For questions 2,3,4,5, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

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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