

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-573

9 November 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

How many days were your trust hospitals at OPEL 4 for the years of 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 (up to most recent records)

Years	OPEL Status	(UHBW (BRI) Number of days at OPEL status	(UHBW (WGH) Number of days at OPEL Status
2019	4	27	N/A
2020	4	25	29
2021	4	101	40

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust was formed on 1 April 2020 following the merger of University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust and Weston Area Health NHS Trust. This means that data for Weston General Hospital is available from 1 April 2020.

Data is electronically saved from 2019 which we have provided. Please note, the Trust does not hold the data from 2018 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 FOIA as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend more than 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
Bristol
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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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