

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 21-639**

13 December 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

**1) Please tell me for the years a) 2019/20 and b) 2020/21 the number and, where available, rate of patient safety incidents reported within the trust**

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply Section 21 of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain on the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/organisation-patient-safety-incident-report-up-to-march-2021/>.

Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

**2) Please provide separately for a) 2019/20 and b) 2020/21 the number and percentage of the patient safety incidents from question 1 that resulted in severe harm or death**

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**3) Please provide me with a brief overview of the FIRST FIVE patient safety incidents in 2020/21 that resulted in severe harm or death (i.e. the incidents identified in question 2b above), withholding any identifying information that would run into a Section 40 exemption.**

1. Patient fall
2. Patient admitted with grade 4 ulcer
3. Patient who was Covid 19 positive died
4. Patient died following a delay in resuscitation
5. Patient deteriorated following placement of a naso-gastric tube

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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