

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-642

20 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

I am writing for information pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. All questions pertain to the following dates: 01/12/2019 to 30/11/2021. I would like to know the following:

1.a) How many people have died in your hospitals within 28 days of testing positive for COVID-19?

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/statistics/statistical-work-areas/covid-19-daily-deaths/>

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

1.b) Of those people, how many had underlying health conditions / co-morbidities and how many did not? Please provide absolute numbers and percentages.

We do not hold this information, as we only code pre-existing health conditions that are relevant to the condition which the patient is being treated for.

1.c) Please also state the top 5 underlying health conditions / co-morbidities of those people.

We do not hold this information. Diagnoses / comorbidities relevant to that episode will be picked up.

1.d) Please state how many of those people were vaccinated and how many were not. Please provide absolute numbers and percentages. For vaccinated people, please break down the response in the following way:

- i) received one dose,
- ii) received two or more doses.

We do not hold this information. Patient vaccination status is on their medical record held in their GP surgery

2.a) How many people have died in your hospitals purely and only due to COVID-19?

Our system does not hold the cause of death, this would be on the patient death certificate 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.

2.b) Of those people, how many had underlying health conditions / co-morbidities and how many did not? Please provide absolute numbers and percentages.

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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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