

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 22-158**

25 April 2022

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

**For all the information below please could you provide data from between the dates 01/12/2021 to 25/03/2022, and could you please provide the figures for each individual month.**

- 1) The monthly number of probable hospital-acquired Covid-19 infections (8-14 days after admission)**
- 2) The monthly number of definite hospital-acquired Covid-19 infections (>14 days)**
- 3) The monthly number of patients who died in hospital after acquiring a 'probable' hospital-acquired Covid-19 infection**
- 4) The monthly number of patients who died in hospital after acquiring a 'definite' hospital-acquired Covid-19 infection**

	Number of probable hospital-acquired Covid-19 infections (8-14 days after admission)	Number of definite hospital-acquired Covid-19 infections (>14 days)	Number of patients who died in hospital after acquiring a 'probable' hospital-acquired Covid-19 infection**	Number of patients who died in hospital after acquiring a 'definite' hospital-acquired Covid-19 infection**
December 2021	15	16	0	*
January 2022	25	31	*	6
February 2022	12	9	*	0
March 2022	11	*	0	*

\*\* Please note that the final two columns (the figures relating to questions 3 and 4) relate to patients who passed away after testing positive for COVID-19. This does not mean that they passed away from COVID-19 related disease.

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by \*. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the

public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (Section 40 is the exemption for personal information).

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:

Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

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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