

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-271

8 June 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 not hold the information you are requesting

1. Within the ethnic minority categories used within your organisation to collate information on patient ethnicity, are Gypsy, Roma, Traveller included as three separate ethnic minority groups?

The Trust does not break down ethnicity by Gypsy, Roma, Traveller. Our ethnicity categories are broken down by the National Code on the following link

https://www.datadictionary.nhs.uk/data_elements/ethnic_category.html

1. Do you collate health trends related to Gypsy, Roma, Traveller health and illness?

We do not hold this information as our ethnicity categories are not broken down by Gypsy, Roma or Traveller.

2. Please can you send me the list of ethnic groups used by your organisation when collating ethnicity information about patients.

I am requesting this as part of a research study conducted by Bournemouth University (Ethics ID 41256) exploring whether Gypsy, Roma, Travellers are included as three distinct ethnic minority groups within health services in the UK. I plan to collate this for all Health Care providers across the UK and plan to publish the results from the study in a peer-reviewed journal.

The list of ethnic groups has been provided in the link in the answer to question 1 above.

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
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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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