

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-276

29 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 hold the information you are requesting

As described on page 6 of the National Quality Board's National Guidance on Learning from Deaths, Trusts are required to collect specified information on deaths:
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/nqb-national-guidance-learning-from-deaths.pdf>

Please may I receive the following data described in that guidance, on a monthly basis from the beginning of 2018 to the most recent month available:

- The total number of in-patient deaths (including emergency department deaths)
- The number of deaths subject to case record review
- Of these deaths subjected to review, the number that were judged more likely than not to have been due to problems in care

If data is not available at the beginning of 2018, please supply data from the earliest point after when data was collected.

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act as the Trust's Quality Accounts for the financial years 2017/18 – 2020/21 are reasonably accessible in the public domain and can be found on the following link: <https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/p/about-us/reports-and-publications>

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

We do hold the requested information for 2021/2022; however, under Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act the Trust is exempt from disclosing the information as it is intended for future publication. The Trust Quality Accounts for 2021/2022 will be published on the above link within the next couple of weeks.

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

Publication

Please note that this letter and the information included/attached will be published on our website as part of the Trust's Freedom of Information Publication Log. This is because information disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act is disclosed to the public, not just to the individual making the request. We will remove any personal information (such as your name, email and so on) from any information we make public to protect your personal information.

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely

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