

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-555

19 October 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 hold some of the information you are requesting

1. How many incidents of racial abuse BY PATIENTS towards NHS staff (physical, verbal or written), were reported by NHS staff between 01.01.2019 – 31.12.2019?

Eight

1.1. How many of these reported incidents were followed up with any action being taken against the perpetrator?

Where we do hold the outcomes of incidents, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required 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.

1.2. If action was taken against any of the perpetrators, how many incidents were reported to the police?

Any incident reported to the police would be undertaken by the individual. The Trust does not hold this information. Please contact Avon and Somerset Police (foirequests@avonandsomerset.police.uk) for further information.

2. How many incidents of racial abuse BY PATIENTS towards NHS staff (physical, verbal or written), were reported by NHS staff between 01.01.2020 – 31.12.2020?

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2.1. How many of these reported incidents were followed up with any action being taken against the perpetrator?

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3. How many incidents of racial abuse BY PATIENTS towards NHS staff (physical, verbal or written), were reported by NHS staff between 01.01.2021 – 31.12.2021?

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3.1. How many of these reported incidents were followed up with any action being taken against the perpetrator?

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4. How many incidents of racial abuse BY PATIENTS towards NHS staff (physical, verbal or written), were reported by NHS staff between 01.01.2022 – current date?

40 (up till 26 September 2022)

4.1. How many of these reported incidents were followed up with any action being taken against the perpetrator?

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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.

4.2. If action was taken against any of the perpetrators, how many incidents were reported to the police?

Any incident reported to the police would be undertaken by the individual. The Trust does not hold this information. Please contact Avon and Somerset Police (foirequests@avonandsomerset.police.uk) for further 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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