

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 22-650

28 November 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

1.) Please could you tell us how many incidents were logged relating to staffing issues in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to date). The category on the Datix system for this is, we understand, "staffing/inappropriate skills mix" although this may differ between trusts. Please could you break these down by degree of harm (i.e. No harm, low, moderate, severe, death or similar) as set out in the table below.

Year	None	None - Near Miss	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Harm - Level not specified	Psychological Distress
2018	869	107	16	67	*	0	*	19
2019	1331	24	52	105	8	0	0	30
2020	827	85	45	69	12	0	0	0
2021	1345	133	226	123	7	*	0	0
2022	1400	151	268	148	25	*	0	0

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).

2.) Please could you tell us how many incidents were logged relating to pressure ulcers (or sores) in the years 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 (to date). It appears a number of Trusts record two different categories of pressure sores – one for community-acquired sores and the other for hospital-acquired. If possible please could you report these numbers separately. If that is not possible, then please combine both figures and make us aware of this. Please could you again break the data down by degree of harm (i.e. No

harm, low, moderate, severe, death or similar).

Year	None	None - Near Miss	Negligible	Minor	Moderate	Major	Harm - Level not specified	Psychological Distress
Community acquired	2877	13	524	3205	724	280	*	*
2018	1433	*	61	229	71	13	*	1
2019	670		120	860	225	142	0	0
2020	301	*	122	833	179	61	0	0
2021	212	*	120	750	164	45	0	0
2022	261	*	101	533	85	19	0	0
Hospital acquired	272	7	359	1051	494	30	11	0
2018	81	*	74	274	169	*	11	0
2019	77	*	87	278	228	26	0	0
2020	39	*	75	204	69	*	0	0
2021	43	*	71	176	16	*	0	0
2022	32	*	52	119	12	*	0	0

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Please note these are the Datix harm categories that are reported in the Trust. We cannot confirm NRLS rating, however Incidents are reported to NRLS using the following mappings:

Result	Code	Description	NRLS	Active?
HARM	DEATH	Catastrophic	E	Y
HARM NOHAR INVE		Unexpected Death	B	
HARM	LOW	Minor	B	Y
HARM	MAJOR	Major	D	Y
HARM	MODRTE	Moderate	C	Y
NRMISS	NEAR	None - Near Miss		Y
HARM	NEGL	Negligible	B	Y
NOHARM	NONE	None		Y
NOHARM	UNAVOD	Unavoidable Death	B	Y
B	Low (Minimal harm to patients - required extra observation or minor treatment)			
C	Moderate (Short term harm to patients, required further treatment, or procedure)			
D	Severe (Permanent or long term harm)			
E	Death (Caused by the patient safety incident)			

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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