

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-910

2 January 2024

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

I write to request access to the following:

- **The OPEL status and RAG rating of University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust, particularly the BRI site on 6th and 7th August 2023**

Site	6th August 2023	7th August 2023
Bristol Royal Infirmary	OPEL 3	OPEL 3
Bristol Royal Hospital for Children	OPEL 2	OPEL 2
Weston General Hospital	OPEL 1	OPEL 2

- **The COVID patient numbers across the Trust, and by site on 6th and 7th August 2023**

Site	Total positive Covid-19 patients 06/08/2023	Total positive Covid-19 patients 07/08/2023
Bristol Royal Infirmary	*	*
Bristol Royal Childrens Hospital	0	*
Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre	*	*

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. This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

- **The number of times the Trust was in BCI during August 2023**

Twice

- **Staffing levels against template in A&E and on the Acute Medical Unit (A400) at BRI on 6th and 7th August 2023**

On Sunday 6th August the Acute Medical Unit was covered by the doctors on the Take (The Take is a list of patients who have been seen/will be seen that day by our specialty on-call Take team made up of consultants, a registrar and a team of junior doctors.) The Take was fully staffed that day.

On Monday 7th August 2023 the Acute Medical Unit was staffed by two consultants, one registrar and six junior doctors.

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
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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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