

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-151

11 March 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 hold some of the information you are requesting

I am writing to request the following data (in Excel format) for the last ten calendar years (2013-2023) - if 10 years of data are unavailable, please send for as many years as possible:

1. The total number of reported cases for each of the following diseases within your NHS Trust, broken down by year:

Diseases/ illnesses:

Gout

Leprosy

Tuberculosis

Measles

Polio

Rickets

Scarlet Fever

Malnutrition

Whooping Cough

Smallpox

Scurvy

Typhoid

Cholera

Syphilis

Malaria

Typhus

Please see our response in the attached document. We can only provide the total number of inpatient spells per year that has the relevant coding for each condition. This means that the figures will include patients who have had multiple spells per year.

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local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

2. If applicable, the total number of vaccinations administered for each of the diseases, broken down by year.

We do not hold this information. We do not have records of the number of vaccines administered against illnesses.

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.

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Yours sincerely

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