

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-208

22 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 do hold the information you are requesting

1) The number of women who have been diagnosed with Endometriosis between 2019 to 2023 (i.e. 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023)

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
73	64	75	83	78

2) Of these number of women diagnosed with Endometriosis, how many are (using the NHS Directory for Ethnic Categories):

- White British
- White Irish
- White - Any Other White Background
- Mixed - White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed - White and Black African
- Mixed - White and Asian
- Mixed - Any other mixed background
- Asian or Asian British - Indian
- Asian or Asian British - Pakistani
- Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi
- Asian or Asian British - Any other Asian background
- Black or Black British - Any other Black background
- Black or Black British-Caribbean
- Black or Black British - African
- Other ethnic groups - Chinese
- Other ethnic groups - Any other ethnic group
- Not Stated

99) Not Known

Category	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Any other Ethnic Group	0	*	*	*	*
Any other Mixed Background	0	0	*	*	0
Any other White background	*	*	*	*	*
Asian - Any other Asian background	0	*	0	0	0
Asian - Indian or British Indian	0	0	*	*	*
Asian - Pakistani or British Pakistani	0	0	*	*	0
Black - African or British African	*	0	0	0	*
Black - Any other Black background	0	*	0	0	*
Black - Caribbean or Black British Caribbean	0	0	0	0	*
Chinese	*	0	*	0	*
Mixed - White and Asian	0	0	0	0	*
Mixed - White and Black African	0	0	0	*	0
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	0	0	*	*	0
Not Stated	*	*	*	14	11
White - British	61	49	54	43	51
White - Irish	0	0	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. 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.

3) The number of female patients who have been issued/received referrals for gynaecological care at any of the local hospitals under your NHS Trust.

2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
12065	11136	12215	11810	12311

4) The number of female patients awaiting a referral appointment (i.e. are still on the waiting list) for any hospital/specialist centre (whichever is applicable) under your NHS Trust for gynaecological care.

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To avoid confusion, please specify for each category the exact number of female patients with endometriosis if the figure is less than 5 (i.e. avoid saying 1-5 and please state if the figure is 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5.)

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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