

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-265

2 April 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

• Total number of hospital deaths per year

2019/2020	1919
2020/2021	1817
2021/2022	1853
2022/2023	1986
2023/2024	1716

• Total number of community/coroner deaths per year

Approximately 110 per year - please note this is for Weston General Hospital only. Bristol Royal Infirmary mortuary does not receive community deaths from the coroner.

• Total number of post mortems

Approximately 90 - 100 per year - please note this is for Weston General Hospital only.

• How many qualified APTs?

Two

• Banding of qualified APTs?

Band 7

Band 5

• If you have/have had trainee APTs, what band do they start on and what band do they go to on qualification?

Band 4 then Band 5

• **How many unqualified mortuary assistants/support workers?**

Two

• **Do unqualified staff/support workers do post mortems?**

No

• **Banding for those unqualified staff?**

Band 4

Band 3

• **Do your procedures cover safe staffing levels in the post mortem room and dealing with funeral directors?**

Yes

If yes, how many staff per area are required for safe staffing levels?

Two

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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(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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