

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 24-336**

12 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 not hold the information you are requesting

**How many individuals are currently held or detained by your Trust under the Mental Health Act? If possible, could you provide details regarding the number and gender of patients held, as well as which section of the Mental Health Act they are detained under?**

**Is it possible to provide statistics by the number and gender of persons held at specific hospitals or facilities under the supervision of your trust or operated by the trust?**

**How many seclusion suits or rooms exist and are operated by your Trust? What is the longest period that an individual is currently being detained in seclusion? For clarity, please provide the duration that an individual has been held in a room designated or used for seclusion.**

**Could you please provide a copy of your policy on using seclusion and any training material provided to staff regarding its use?**

**Can you provide a photograph of a typical seclusion room in use by your Trust (empty room)?**

**How many individuals are currently held under the various sections of the Mental Health Act by your Trust? Please provide a breakdown by section of the individuals currently detained.**

**Please provide details of the type of devices or equipment used to restrain patients and the number of such devices your Trust possesses. Additionally, how frequently are these devices used, and what training is provided to staff regarding their usage? Please include details of the training materials and provide a copy if possible.**

**When a new patient is admitted under the Mental Health Act, are they provided with a patient handbook or similar document? If so, please provide a copy.**

**Does your Trust have any disciplinary policies regarding patients who misbehave or breach regulations or rules within your Trust policies? If so, could you please provide a copy of the policy or relevant documents?**

**For patients currently held or detained under the Mental Health Act by your Trust, do they have access to mobile telephones or the Internet? If so, could you provide a copy of the relevant information and policies regarding mobile phone and internet use provided to staff and patients?**

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply Section 21 of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain on the Trust's website on the following link:

[https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/23-426\\_response.pdf](https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/23-426_response.pdf)

Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information if it is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

[https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/23-426\\_response.pdf](https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/23-426_response.pdf)

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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