

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-404

13 May 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

How many times each maternity ward in your trust had to close to new admissions during the financial year 2023/24, and the previous 3 financial years.

For each closure please to give the length of time (in Hours and Minutes) for the closure and the reason for the closure. Please include any instances where escalate to divert procedures were invoked, or similar (again listing the duration).

2023/24 - 6

2022/23 - 11

2021/22 - 12

2020/21 - 15

Please note we do not capture the specifics details such as length of time (in Hours and Minutes) for each closure/attempted closure, the reason for closure /attempted closure in all instances is related to unit acuity. When we have attempted to close the unit due to acuity, we have only ever partially reduced our service to new admissions. This is due to our tertiary status for maternal medicine and fetal medicine and the complex needs of these service users.

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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