

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-442

3 June 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

I write under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information:

a) How many elective operations were cancelled for a non-clinical reason at the Trust in 2021/22, broken down by reason for cancellation? In case helpful, I have provided a table for ease of response:

Reason for cancellation	Number
Lack of beds	
Operating theatre capacity / list over-ran	
Staffing issues	
Equipment failures	
Emergency case took priority	
Adverse weather	
Booking / admin error	
Case note unavailable	
Other reasons	
Total	

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/1/23-072_response.pdf.

https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/23-072_data.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.

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

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Yours sincerely

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