

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-782

22 October 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

I would like to receive information relating to the number of patients detained under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act from 1 January 2021 to 31 September 2024.

Please can you provide:

(1) The number of new detentions* under Section 2 of the Mental Health Act 1983 from 1 January 2021 to 31 September 2024. Please provide a monthly breakdown of these figures.

(2) A breakdown of these above monthly figures by age, gender and ethnic background. If possible, please use the following categories:

-For ethnicity: 'Asian or Asian British' / 'Black or Black British' / 'Mixed' / 'Not Known/Recorded' / 'Not stated' / 'Other group' / 'White'

-For Age: 'Under-18' / '18-25' / '26-35' / '36-45' / '46-55' / '56-64' / '65+'

-For Gender: 'Male' / 'Female' / 'Not Known/Recorded' / 'Not stated' / 'Other group'

***Please note regarding (1) above: I would like the number of 'new detentions' starting within each month, rather than the total number of 'open detentions' counted within each month. I understand that, as detentions can span a number of months, providing open detentions in the period would be double-counting where detentions span across multiple months. Please could you confirm that you are providing data for new detentions as opposed to open detentions.**

University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust are not a Mental Health Trust. Please contact Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership: <http://www.awp.nhs.uk/>

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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