

## Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-830

28 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 hold some of the information you are requesting

**I would like to request a breakdown on the representation of different ethnic groups working in your maternity services. Please could this be completed in the table provided below, and categorised by each pay band (Band 1 – 9) for the calendar years 2018 and 2023.**

	White	Black, Black British, Caribbean or African	Mixed or multiple ethnic groups	Asian or Asian British	Other ethnic group	Not recorded/not stated
<b>Band 1</b>	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0
	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0
<b>Band 2</b>	2018: 29	2018: *	2018: *	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0
	2023: 11	2023: *	2023: *	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0
<b>Band 3</b>	2018: 22	2018: *	2018: *	2018: *	2018: *	2018: 0
	2023: 55	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0
<b>Band 4</b>	2018: *	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0
	2023: *	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0
<b>Band 5</b>	2018: 9	2018: *	2018: *	2018: 0	2018: *	2018: 0
	2023: 17	2023: *	2023: *	2023: *	2023: 0	2023: *
<b>Band 6</b>	2018: 128	2018: *	2018: *	2018: *	2018: *	2018: *
	2023: 145	2023: 6	2023: *	2023: *	2023: 0	2023: 8
<b>Band 7</b>	2018: 48	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0
	2023: 56	2023: *	2023: *	2023: *	2023: *	2023: *
<b>Band 8a</b>	2018: *	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0
	2023: 6	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0
<b>Band 8b</b>	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0
	2023: *	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0
<b>Band 8c</b>	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: *	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0
	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0
<b>Band 8d</b>	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0

	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0	2023: 0
<b>Band 9</b>	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0
	2023: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0	2018: 0

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by \*. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

*Please note the figures above do not include medical staff. Medical staff in maternity services are included under obstetrics and gynaecology and our systems cannot separate this.*

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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