

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-837

26 November 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

1. Total Falls by Hospital: The total number of inpatient falls by hospital, covering the last five years?

Please see the attached document.

2. Total Falls by Ward: The total number of inpatient falls by ward, covering the last five years?

Please see the attached document.

3. Contact for Falls Leads: A list of NHS email addresses for falls leads/groups within the trust or the individuals responsible for fall prevention?

Vimal Siram, Director of Allied Health Professionals

FallsGroup@uhbw.nhs.uk

4. Falls Compensation Claims: The average annual compensation paid out by the trust in relation to inpatient falls over the past five years?

Please contact NHS Resolution for this information at [Freedom of information - NHS Resolution](#)

5. Absconded Patients by Ward: The number of inpatients who absconded from wards (defined as leaving without informing staff, resulting in a missing person status) by ward, covering the last five years?

Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

6. Absconding Compensation Claims: The average annual compensation paid out by the trust in relation to absconding incidents over the past five years?

Please contact NHS Resolution for this information at [Freedom of information - NHS Resolution](#)

7. One-to-One Support for Fall Risk Patients: The average cost per patient, per day, for one-to-one support provided to patients at risk of falls?

We are unable to provide this information as our systems cannot break down one-to-one support into categories of patients.

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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