

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 24-923

20 December 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with information on A&E waits from decision to admit to admission.

The number of 24-hour A&E delays from decision to admit to admission in the months March to November including the months March and November for each year since March 2019 to November 2023

The number of 24-hour A&E delays from decision to admit to admission in the months December to February including the months December and February for each year since December 2019 to February 2024

The proportion of A&E waits that were 24-hours or longer from decision to admit to admission in the months March to November including the months March and November for each year since March 2019 to November 2023

The proportion of A&E waits that were 24-hours or longer from decision to admit to admission in the months December to February including the months December and February for each year since December 2019 to February 2024.

The longest A&E wait from decision to admit to admission in the months March to November 2024

The longest A&E wait from decision to admit to admission in the months December 2023 and February 2024

Could all of these questions be broken down between all waits and those aged over 65.

Could all these questions also be broken down by ECDS coding:

- 1) Immediate emergency care**
- 2) Very urgent emergency care**
- 3) Urgent emergency care**
- 4) Standard emergency care**
- 5) Low acuity emergency care**

Please see our response in the attached document. 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.

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

Please note that this letter and the information included/attached will be published on our website as part of the Trust's Freedom of Information Publication Log. This is because information disclosed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act is disclosed to the public, not just to the individual making the request. We will remove any personal information

(such as your name, email and so on) from any information we make public to protect your personal information.

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely

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