

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-009

3rd February 2025

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

The data we require are as follows (for period 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2024) in an electronic format that allows us to read the data into a database. Preferably this format is in an excel file or comma separated text file.

Data required (for period between 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2024)

- **We require the gender of the patient (M or F), the date that they attended due to assault (dd/mm/yyyy) and their age. Age can either be numerical to the nearest year (preferred) or in age bands ("0-10", "11-17", "18-30", "31-50", "51+"), we can also accept date of birth.**

Age group	Female number of patients	Male Number of patients
0-10	36	57
11-17	84	131
18-30	189	392
31-50	238	454
50+	105	179

We have not provided the information in the requested format as we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified, when considered with other information that may be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of information would breach the Data Protection Act. Therefore please find that Section 40 (2) exemption contained within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

- **To calculate the level of assault-related injury in England and Wales we also require the total number of attendances for any reason in the year of interest, i.e., 2024.**

215,570

• **Please also include the names of hospitals (including Minor Injury Units and Walk-in Centres) providing assault data.**

Bristol Royal Infirmary

Bristol Eye Hospital

Bristol Royal Hospital for Children

Weston General Hospital

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

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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

Publication

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team

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