

## **Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 25-014**

4 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

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. Please may you provide me with:**

**1. The number of patients who died while on your NHS waiting list and have therefore been removed from the list due to their death or status as being deceased in 2025 to date.**

<b><u>Removals from Elective WL with removal reason of 'patient died' by Year and Age Group</u></b>						
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Under 18	14	12	16	13	15	*
18-29	*	7	*	*	*	0
30-49	16	29	22	13	19	0
50-69	101	120	147	85	116	*
70-84	185	257	265	162	208	17
85+	73	107	115	65	105	6

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local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

**2. The number of patients who died while on your NHS waiting list, and have therefore been removed from the list due to their death or status as being deceased, broken down into the years 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020.**

<b>Removals from WL with removal reason of 'patient died' by Year and Gender</b>						
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Female	153	222	214	142	185	11
Male	239	310	351	198	280	17
Not Known	0	0	*	0	0	0

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**3. If possible, I would also like a breakdown of ethnicity, religion, age and gender for every patient who died while on your NHS waiting list for each of these years, please.**  
**- If you don't hold all of this data or if providing it would exceed costs, please provide as much information as possible - starting from the most recent year and working backwards.**

<b>Removals from WL with removal reason of 'patient died' by Year and Ethnicity</b>						
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Any other Ethnic Group	*1	*	*	16	10	0
Any other Mixed Background	0	*	*	0	0	0
Any other White background	7	10	15	*4	9	0
Asian - Any other Asian background	*	0	*	*	0	*
Asian - Indian or British Indian	0	*	*	0	*	0

Asian - Pakistani or British Pakistani	*	*	0	0	6	0
Black - African or British African	*	*	*	*	*	0
Black - Any other Black background	*	0	*	0	0	0
Black - Caribbean or Black British Caribbean	0	7	*	*	*	*
Black Caribbean	0	0	*	0	0	0
Chinese	0	0	0	*	*	0
Mixed - White and Asian	0	0	*	*	*	0
Mixed - White and Black African	0	0	0	*	0	0
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	0	0	*	*	*	0
Not Collected At This Time	20	22	29	12	26	0
Not Known	*	*	0	0	0	0
Not Stated	39	57	54	25	37	*
White - British	315	423	449	270	359	22
White - Irish	*	*	*	*	*	0

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**3. Please also tell me the total number of people who are currently on your waiting list.  
- If possible, please provide a breakdown of ethnicity and religion for these patients.**

<u>Current Elective Waiting List by Age Group</u>	
Under 18	4509
18-29	1415
30-49	3472
50-69	5690

70-84	4339
85+	759
<b>Current Elective Waiting List by Ethnicity</b>	
Any other Ethnic Group	333
Any other Mixed Background	108
Any other White background	643
Asian - Any other Asian background	78
Asian - Bangladeshi or British Bangladeshi	36
Asian - Indian or British Indian	163
Asian - Pakistani or British Pakistani	125
Black - African or British African	239
Black - Any other Black background	48
Black - Caribbean or Black British Caribbean	107
Black African	*
Black Caribbean	*
Chinese	49
Mixed - White and Asian	60
Mixed - White and Black African	44
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	126
Not Collected At This Time	1833
Not Stated	2286
White - British	13714
White - Irish	113

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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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