

## Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-178

24 March 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
- **Of the provided incident numbers, for each year, can you please provide the number of incidents which were hospital-acquired and the number of incidents which were present on admission?**

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.

- **Of all incident totals provided, could you please specify how many incidents fell into each category/grade as recorded by the trust?**

Please see our response in the table below:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
On Admission: Device Related (Medical) Pressure Ulcer	0	0	0	0	4	15	9	8	13	16	*
On Admission: Leg Ulcer	25	51	51	43	44	67	102	135	130	120	15
On Admission: Moisture Associated Skin Damage (MASD)	223	252	249	244	354	371	374	456	518	510	85
On Admission: Pressure Ulcer	803	945	819	778	762	1079	1127	1033	1137	1063	205
On Admission: Suspected Deep Tissue Injury	0	0	0	0	29	74	156	160	199	195	45
On Admission: Trauma	0	0	0	0	88	133	148	155	155	123	32
On Admission: Wound Other	137	132	148	136	146	142	184	206	279	338	60

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  
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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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