

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-182

14 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

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

Could you please provide:

1. The total number of beds in all the hospitals and wards under your trust or foundation.

1147

2. Total number of patients who were 'medically fit for discharge' (MFFD) or no longer meet the criteria to reside as mentioned in the latest NHS England data, but remained in hospital for seven days or longer between 1 January 2024 and 1 January 2025 because they had no recourse to public funds (NRPF) as highlighted here. Please provide the information from all the hospitals under the trust or foundation.

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local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

3. Total number of patients who were 'medically fit for discharge' (MFFD) or no longer meet the criteria to reside as mentioned in the latest NHS England data, but remained in

hospital for seven days or longer between 1 January 2024 and 1 January 2025 because of the lack of social care. Please provide the information from all the hospitals under the trust or foundation.

Number of Patients	Number of Spells
256	265

4. Total number of patients who were ‘medically fit for discharge’ (MFFD) or no longer meet the criteria to reside as mentioned in the latest NHS England data, but remained in the hospital for seven days or longer between 1 January 2024 and 1 January 2025 because they were at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

Number of Patients	Number of Spells
30	31

5. Total number of patients who were ‘medically fit for discharge’ (MFFD) or no longer meet the criteria to reside as mentioned in the latest NHS England data, but remained in the hospital for seven days or longer between 1 January 2024 and 1 January 2025 because of any other reasons.

Number of Patients	Number of Spells
2143	2447

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

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Yours sincerely

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