

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 25-216**

7 April 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 hold some of the information you are requesting

**I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to obtain data regarding the number of hospital admissions related to sunbed injuries. Specifically, I request the following information in whichever format is easiest to provide: SNOMED, ICD-11, or free text.**

**1. Sunbed Admissions (SNOMED)**

**The number of hospital admissions for patients presenting with sunbed-related injuries, classified under:**

- **403588002 – Addiction to sunbed use (disorder)**
- **242537009 – Exposure to man-made ultraviolet light (event)**
- **466293001 – Ultraviolet tanning device (physical object)**

**If possible, please also include:**

- **Age group (e.g.: under 18, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85-94, 95-100, over 100)**
- **Gender of the patient**
- **Brief description of the reason for admission**
- **Treatment received for the injury**

**2. Sunbed Admissions (ICD-11)**

**The number of hospital admissions for patients presenting with sunbed injuries, categorised under:**

- **EJ41 – Burn from exposure to artificial source of ultraviolet radiation**
  - o **EJ41.0 – Burn from exposure to therapeutic ultraviolet radiation**
  - o **EJ41.Y – Other specified burn from exposure to artificial source of ultraviolet radiation**
  - o **EJ41.Z – Burn from exposure to artificial source of ultraviolet radiation, unspecified**

**If possible, please also include:**

- **Age group (as above)**

- Gender of the patient
- Brief description of the reason for admission
- Treatment received for the injury

### 3. Sunbed Admissions (Free Text)

The number of hospital admissions for patients presenting with sunbed injuries, provided in free text format.

If possible, please also include:

- Age group (as above)
- Gender of the patient
- Brief description of the reason for admission
- Treatment received for the injury

#### Timeframe

**For each month over the past five years (2019–2024), please provide the total number of individuals recorded.**

We do not use ICD11, freetext or SNOWMED codes (although the latter are sometimes recorded for Emergency Department arrivals, but not hospital admissions. We do not have any Emergency Department arrivals coded with any of the SNOWMED codes provided. Instead we used the following ICD10 codes:

L56	Other acute skin changes due to ultraviolet radiation
L56.8	Other specified acute skin changes due to ultraviolet radiation
L56.9	Acute skin change due to ultraviolet radiation, unspecified
W89	Exposure to man-made visible and ultraviolet light
W89.0	Exposure to man-made visible and ultraviolet light Home
W89.1	Exposure to man-made visible and ultraviolet light Residential institution
W89.2	Exposure to man-made visible and ultraviolet light School, other institution and public administrative area
W89.3	Exposure to man-made visible and ultraviolet light Sports and athletics area
W89.4	Exposure to man-made visible and ultraviolet light Street and highway
W89.5	Exposure to man-made visible and ultraviolet light Trade and service area

W89.6	Exposure to man-made visible and ultraviolet light Industrial and construction area
W89.7	Exposure to man-made visible and ultraviolet light Farm
W89.8	Exposure to man-made visible and ultraviolet light Other specified places
W89.9	Exposure to man-made visible and ultraviolet light Unspecified place

*Please note there are no ICD10 codes specifically relating to sunbeds, so we searched for ultraviolet instead. There were no codes for W89- for any of the years requested. (There are also ICD10 codes relating to burns, but that could be burns from any source, not specifically to UV).*

For the years 2019-2024 there were 15 patients due to L56.8 and L56.9. Due to the low numbers, 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.

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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