

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 25-251**

28 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 this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding private oncology services and prescribing within the Trust.**

**My request has been designed to be as clear and manageable as possible. If any of the requested information is not readily available under your Freedom of Information obligations, please provide what is available rather than declining the request in full.**

**Additionally, if certain data points are not recorded in the exact format requested, I would welcome any alternative figures or insights.**

**When referring to a private patient this is a patient treated within NHS facilities but not funded by the NHS.**

**1. Oncology Services**

**Please confirm the number of patients treated for cancer by patient type for the calendar year (2024).**

**Number of Oncology patients (Calendar year 2024)**

**NHS Funded - 9633**

**Privately Funded** - We are unable to provide this information as treatments have a 'Referral Source' of 'Other source of referral' (this will include referrals from private healthcare). 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.

## 2. Patients treated with immuno-oncology products

**Please provide the total number of patients who have been treated with an Immuno-oncology product latest calendar year (2024) by patient type.**

**NHS Funded:** 542

**Privately Funded:** 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.

## 3. Prescribing of specific Immuno-oncology products.

**For the latest calendar year (2024), please provide the number of patients treated with the following Immuno-oncology products:**

Number of Oncology patients treated with the following Immuno-oncology product (Calendar year 2024)	Patients: Pembrolizumab (Keytruda)	Patients: Nivolumab (Opdivo)	Patients: Nivolumab / Relatlimab (Opdualag)
NHS Funded	364	122	*
Privately funded	**	**	**

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.

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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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