

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-288

8th May 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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following data:

1. The total number of emergency hospital admissions for people aged 65 and over, broken down by year (2022, 2023, and 2024 where available).

2022: 39328

2023: 42072

2024: 44776

2. The total number of these emergency admissions that involved the patient arriving via ambulance, broken down by year (2022, 2023, and 2024 where available).

2022: 16999

2023: 18808

2024: 19310

3. The number of emergency admissions for people aged 65 and over that were explicitly recorded as relating to falls, fractures, or other household-related accidents, broken down by specific cause or item involved (e.g., fall from stairs, fall in the bathroom, etc.). If possible, please also provide the average or median length of hospital stay for these admissions.

Please note that the figures below were collated using the search term 'falls/unsteady on feet'. 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.

2022: 1308
2023: 1100
2024: 976

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

Publication

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Yours sincerely

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