

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-347

27 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

Data requested:

ALL adult admissions for an eating disorder (diagnosed *before or during* admission) with a primary reason for the admission being eating disorder related – *diagnosis key words* – Anorexia Nervosa, Atypical Anorexia Nervosa, Bulimia Nervosa, Atypical Bulimia nervosa, Eating Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (EDNOS), Avoidant Restrictive Food Intake Disorder (ARFID), Binge Eating Disorder (BED).

Dates:

Admission dates between 01/01/2020 – 31/12/2024

Purpose:

To analyse the role of district general hospitals in the acute treatment of eating disorders moving from the MARSIPAN infrastructure to MEED.

Data:

Data	Patient A	Patient B	Patient C etc.....
Date and time of admission			
Date and time discharge			
Male or Female			
Patient age			
Reason for admission			

Weight (kg) and BMI (kg.m2) on admission			
Weight (kg) and BMI (kg.m2) on discharge			
New or Existing eating disorder diagnosis			
Informal/formal (sectioned at any time)			
Treatments provided			
Was a NG used, if so for how long (days)			
Was a NJ used, if so for how long (days)			
Was the local community eating disorders providing support (under MEED - Managing Medical Emergencies in Eating Disorder)			
Discharge destination (home, specialist eating disorders unit, psychiatric unit, another district general hospital)			

Were there any challenges collecting this information, if so, what were they:

Please see our response in the attached document. 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
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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