

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 25-530**

30 July 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

**Please answer all the below questions under the Freedom of Information Act.**

**Question 1: The total number of bed days lost due to discharge delays despite a person being medically fit to be discharged in each of the financial years a) 2019/20, b) 2020/21, c) 2021/22, d) 2022/23, e) 2023/24, f) 2024/25**

**2020/21:** 28279

**2021/22:** 38032

**2022/23:** 68032

**2023/24:** 54687

**2024/25:** 64662

*Please note we can only provide this information from 2020/2021 as the system for collecting the data changed significantly in February 2020 and the previous data would not be compatible.*

**Question 2: In relation to the question 1, the total number and proportion of these bed days lost despite a person being medically fit to be discharged due to not enough adult social care capacity in each of the financial years a) 2019/20, b) 2020/21, c) 2021/22, d) 2022/23, e) 2023/24, f) 2024/25**

**2020/21:** Not applicable

**2021/22:** Not applicable

**2022/23:** 1380

**2023/24:** 4874

**2024/25:** 6597

*Please note that the code/s for recording social care delays were first implemented on 26th October 2022.*

**Question 3: In relation to question 1, the total cost and cost per bed day lost as a patient who was medically fit to be discharged could not be discharged due to a lack of**

**adult social care capacity in each of the financial years a) 2019/20, b) 2020/21, c) 2021/22, d) 2022/23, e) 2023/24, f) 2024/25**

We do not capture costs of bed days lost.

**Question 4: In relation to question 1, the longest time a patient has spent in one of your Trusts hospital beds despite being medically fit to be discharged but could not be discharged due to a lack of adult social care capacity in the financial year 2024/25**

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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