

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 25-565**

7 August 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 some of the information you are requesting

**I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide data for the period Jan 2025 to June 2025 (last six months), broken down by calendar month where applicable**

**The following request:**

**1. Emergency Department Bed delays for Adult Mental Health Patients (18-65yrs)**

**The number of patients per month within the ED who have been deemed medically fit but awaiting a mental health bed for**

**Greater than 24hrs**

**Greater than 48hrs**

**Greater than 72hrs**

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. Acute Ward bed delays for Adult Mental Health patients (18-65yrs)**

**The number of patients within Medical/ Surgical/ Obstetric Wards (including those who have been bedded within temporary areas such as daycare, SDEC etc) who have been deemed medically fit but are awaiting a mental health bed for**

**Greater than 24hrs**

**Greater than 48hrs**

**Greater than 72hrs**

**Over 1 week**

**Over 1 month**

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### **3. Emergency Department Bed delays for Older Persons Mental Health Patients (65yrs+)**

**The number of patients within the ED who have been deemed medically fit but awaiting a mental health bed for**

**Greater than 24hrs**

**Greater than 48hrs**

**Greater than 72hrs**

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### **4. Acute Ward bed delays for Older Persons Mental Health patients (65yrs+)**

**The number of patients within Medical/ Surgical/ Older Persons Wards (including those who have been bedded within temporary areas such as daycare, SDEC etc) who have been deemed medically fit but are awaiting a mental health bed for**

**Greater than 24hrs**

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### **5. Amount of enhanced 1:1 or 2:1 supervision**

**Please provide the number of patients / hours per month who required 1:1 / 2:1 supervision where this has not been provided by the local Mental Health trust (ie: the**

**cost has been incurred by your Trust)**

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**6. No of beds Commissioned by your Trust for Mental Health patients**

**Number of patients in the six month period in which your Trust has commissioned a private bed for a mental health patient due to delays in accessing a Mental Health Bed Zero.** We are an acute trust, not a mental health trust.

**7. Capital Investment.**

**Do you have any plans to create a Mental Health Emergency Department (MHED) within your Trust (as outlined within the recent NHS 10 year plan Plan- extract below)**

**We will increase capacity for urgent mental health care by developing dedicated mental health emergency departments (MHEDs), ensuring patients get fast, same-day access to specialist support in an appropriate setting.**

**Over the course of the first half of this Plan, we will invest up to £120 million to bring the number of MHEDs to around 85, meaning there will be one co-located (or very close to) 50% of existing type 1 A&E units**

Not currently

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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