

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-614

18 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 the information you are requesting

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding gallstone-related hospital admissions at Weston General Hospital. Specifically, I am seeking aggregated, anonymized data to analyze potential seasonal trends in gallstone cases.

Please provide the following information for the period from January 1, 2020, to July 31, 2025:

1. The total number of emergency hospital admissions at Weston General Hospital for gallstone-related conditions (ICD-10 codes K80.0 to K80.8), broken down by month and year.

Please see our response in the table below:

Year	Month	Number of patients
2020	Jan	41
	Feb	36
	Mar	22
	Apr	22
	May	22
	Jun	14
	Jul	38
	Aug	51
	Sep	45
	Oct	48
	Nov	33
	Dec	26
2021	Jan	20
	Feb	25
	Mar	42

	Apr	37
	May	38
	Jun	37
	Jul	30
	Aug	35
	Sep	37
	Oct	48
	Nov	54
	Dec	41
2022	Jan	31
	Feb	57
	Mar	41
	Apr	43
	May	43
	Jun	44
	Jul	40
	Aug	36
	Sep	42
	Oct	54
	Nov	43
	Dec	26
2023	Jan	51
	Feb	59
	Mar	49
	Apr	62
	May	59
	Jun	53
	Jul	75
	Aug	60
	Sep	52
	Oct	66
	Nov	58
	Dec	85
2024	Jan	69
	Feb	43
	Mar	71
	Apr	54
	May	56
	Jun	60
	Jul	63
	Aug	58
	Sep	65
	Oct	63
	Nov	44
	Dec	48

2025	Jan	59
	Feb	47
	Mar	35
	Apr	41
	May	49
	Jun	42
	Jul	7

Please note that the information provided above is for all diagnoses, not just a primary diagnosis and we cannot state whether this is the reason for admission, only that the ICD10 codes are recorded against the hospital spell.

2. The total number of procedures (e.g., laparoscopic cholecystectomy or ERCP) performed for gallstone-related conditions at Weston General Hospital, broken down by month and year.

Please see our response in the table below:

Year	Month	Number of patients
2020	Jan	23
	Feb	14
	Mar	16
	Apr	*
	May	*
	Jun	*
	Jul	*
	Aug	16
	Sep	20
	Oct	21
	Nov	12
	Dec	*
2021	Jan	14
	Feb	16
	Mar	28
	Apr	21
	May	32
	Jun	23
	Jul	26
	Aug	15
	Sep	31
	Oct	16
	Nov	16
	Dec	12
2022	Jan	18
	Feb	19
	Mar	14

	Apr	15
	May	30
	Jun	23
	Jul	14
	Aug	23
	Sep	10
	Oct	16
	Nov	20
	Dec	12
2023	Jan	14
	Feb	12
	Mar	15
	Apr	14
	May	20
	Jun	24
	Jul	22
	Aug	22
	Sep	23
	Oct	26
	Nov	27
	Dec	13
2024	Jan	28
	Feb	31
	Mar	19
	Apr	22
	May	32
	Jun	32
	Jul	27
	Aug	19
	Sep	36
	Oct	33
	Nov	34
	Dec	19
2025	Jan	18
	Feb	16
	Mar	17
	Apr	24
	May	25
	Jun	32
	Jul	14

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

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Yours sincerely

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