

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 25-643**

2 September 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 find below a freedom of information request relating to homelessness and hospitals in your area.**

**For each of the following questions, please provide data for each of these financial years:**

- 2025/2026 (So Far)
- 2024/2025
- 2023/2024

**1. a.) Please provide the total number of A&E attendances by patients of No Fixed Abode/Address.**

**b.) If possible, please outline how many of these attendances were at the weekend.**

**2. a.) Please also provide the number of these individuals (as outlined in Q1a) who attended with a primary/secondary diagnosis of drug poisoning.**

**b.) If possible, please outline how many of these were at the weekend.**

**3. a.) Please provide the total number of hospital admissions by patients of No Fixed Abode/Address for each of the same financial years.**

**b.) If possible, please outline how many of these admissions were at the weekend.**

**4. a.) Please also provide the number of these individuals (as outlined in Q3) who were admitted with a primary/secondary diagnosis of drug poisoning.**

**b.) If possible, please outline how many of these were at the weekend.**

Please see our response in the table below:

	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026 (to date)
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<b>1) A&amp;E attendances by patients of No Fixed Abode/Address</b>				
	Total Arrivals	1086	1088	388
	Weekend Arrivals	325	278	101
<b>2) A&amp;E attendances by NFA patients with drug poisoning</b>				
	Total Arrivals	46	49	12
	Weekend Arrivals	16	13	0
<b>3) Hospital admissions by patients of No Fixed Abode/Address</b>				
	Total Inpatient Admissions	312	322	81
	Weekend Inpatient Admissions	75	84	22
<b>4) Hospital admissions by NFA patients with drug poisoning</b>				
	Total Inpatient Admissions	35	25	8
	Weekend Inpatient Admissions	9	6	*

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  
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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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