

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-660

29 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

1. The number of patients who have died while on your waiting list to receive consultant-led elective (planned) hospital treatment — and who have therefore been removed from the list due to their death or status as being deceased — between January 1 2025 and July 31 2025?

(If your trust calls this particular waiting list something else, please use common sense and provide the waiting list data most relevant to my questions.)

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1a. If possible, please tell me how many of these people who died had been waiting for longer than 18 weeks since being referred for consultant-led elective hospital treatment?

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1b. If possible, please provide a separate breakdown of the ethnicity and religion of all those who died while on this your waiting list to receive consultant-led elective (planned) hospital treatment over this time period.

Ethnicity	Number of patients
White - British	260
Not Stated	21
Not Collected At This Time	12
Any other White background	*
Asian - Indian or British Indian	*
White - Irish	*
Any other Ethnic Group	*
Black - Caribbean or Black British Caribbean	*
Any other Mixed Background	*
Mixed - White and Asian	*

Black - African or British African	*
Asian - Any other Asian background	*
Asian - Pakistani or British Pakistani	*
Chinese	0
Black - Any other Black background	*

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local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

2. The number of patients who have died while on your waiting list to receive consultant-led elective (planned) hospital treatment — and who have therefore been removed from the list due to their death or status as being deceased — broken down into the years 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020, please.

2020: 1,910

2021: 1,564

2022: 1,113

2023: 1,083

2024: 1,106

2a. If possible, please provide a separate breakdown of the ethnicity and religion of those who died while on your waiting list for consultant-led elective (planned) hospital treatment in each of these years.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Any other Ethnic Group	0	*	*	64	17
Any other Mixed Background	*	*	*		*
Any other White background	26	24	23	18	16
Asian - Any other Asian background	7	*		*	
Asian - Bangladeshi or British Bangladeshi	0	*	*	*	
Asian - Indian or British Indian	*	*	8	*	6

Asian - Pakistani or British Pakistani	*	*	7	*	7
Black - African or British African	6	*	*	9	*
Black - Any other Black background	*	*	*	*	*
Black - Caribbean or Black British Caribbean	18	29	8	13	7
Black Caribbean	*		*		
Chinese	*	*	*		*
Mixed - White and Asian	0	*	*	*	*
Mixed - White and Black African	0	*	0	0	*
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	*	*	*	*	*
Not Stated	141	124	84	71	87
White - British	1552	1255	867	844	858
White - Irish	19	10	6	8	10

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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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