

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 25-669**

4 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 do hold the information you are requesting

**Please find below a freedom of information request relating to discharges from hospitals in your Trust.**

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

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

- 1. Please provide the total number of incidents, where individuals were discharged from hospital to "no fixed abode".**
- 2. Of these, how many of the discharges occurred;**
  - a. at the weekend?**
  - b. During Monday-Friday but outside of the hours 09:00-17:00?**
- 3. Of those incidents recorded in Q1, how many were readmitted within 6 months of being discharged (and were still of no fixed abode)?**

Please see our response in the table below:

		Apr-Mar 2023/2024	Apr-Mar 2024/2025	Apr-Aug 2025/2026
<b>1) Patients discharged from hospital to "no fixed abode"</b>				
	Total Admitted Care Spells	271	279	69
	Total Inpatients	270	276	69
	Non Elective Inpatients	269	274	69
	Elective Inpatients	*	*	0
	Total (Elective) Day Cases	*	*	0

<b>2a) NFA Discharges at the weekend</b>					
	Total Admitted Care Spells		50	56	13
	Total Inpatients		50	56	13
		Non Elective Inpatients	50	56	13
		Elective Inpatients	0	0	0
	Total (Elective) Day Cases		0	0	0
<b>2a) NFA Discharges on weekdays outside 09:00-17:00</b>					
	Total Admitted Care Spells		82	94	25
	Total Inpatients		82	94	25
		Non Elective Inpatients	82	94	25
		Elective Inpatients	0	0	0
	Total (Elective) Day Cases		0	0	0
<b>3) NFA Discharges readmitted within 6 months and still NFA</b>					
	Total Admitted Care Spells		115	119	18
	Total Inpatients		114	119	18
		Non Elective Inpatients	114	119	18
		Elective Inpatients	0	0	0
	Total (Elective) Day Cases		*	0	0

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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