

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 17-193

Date 20 April 2017

Dear 

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

Under the Freedom of Information act, can I ask for the following information: for each of the last four financial years (including the current one) I request disclosure of data relating to children aged 15 and under who have been diagnosed with alcoholism or drug related conditions?

- 1. For each year I would like a table containing patients' ages, from 0 to 15 years old accompanied by a figure for the number of children of that age who were diagnosed as alcoholic, alcohol poisoning, treated for alcoholism or excessive alcohol consumption (for example 2016/17: Age 15– 33 Age 14 – 3). Can you outline the figures for each?**

Financial Year	Total
2013/14	32
2014/15	34
2015/16	32
2016/17	33
Grand Total	131

- 2. For each financial year I would also like a table set out in the same way detailing the numbers of children aged 15 or below who were admitted to A&E suffering alcohol-related illness?**

Financial Year	Admitted	Discharged	Grand Total
2013/14	11	24	35
2014/15	9	30	39
2015/16	6	19	25
2016/17	15	25	40
Grand Total	41	98	139

3. For each year I would like a table containing patients' ages, from 0 to 15 years old accompanied by a figure for the number of children of that age who were diagnosed for drug related illnesses or over-consumption (for example 2016/17: Age 15– 33 Age 14 – 3).

Financial Year	Total
2013/14	46
2014/15	50
2015/16	46
2016/17	38
Grand Total	180

4. For each financial year I would also like a table set out in the same way detailing the numbers of children aged 15 or below who were admitted to A&E suffering drug-related illness. Can you outline the figures for each?

Financial Year	Admitted	Discharged
2013/14	**	**
2014/15	10	10
2015/16	12	13
2016/17	7	9

Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by **. Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the 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. There therefore find that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information

5. For each admission in Q1 and Q3, please tell me a) the sex of the child c) a brief summary of the problem, e.g. child was drunk

We have not provided the information in the requested format as we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified, when considered with other information that may be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of information would breach the Data Protection Act. Therefore please find that Section 40 (2) exemption contained within the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

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:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol 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

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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