

**Freedom of Information Request****Ref: UHB 17-293**

Date 23 May 2017

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

Please be advised that we are unable to differentiate between avoidable and unavoidable hospital acquired pressure ulcers in the Trust's reporting system, therefore the data provided below reflects both avoidable and unavoidable pressure ulcers.

**1. Number of hospital acquired avoidable pressure ulcers, category 2, 3 and 4, occurring each month between 1st April 2016 to March 31st 2017]**

Please see table below.

	2016									2017			
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
Category 2	7	3	1	2	4	4	1	3	5	2	3	3	38
Category 3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	6
Category 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>44</b>

**2. Please answer the following:**

- a. Number of hospital acquired avoidable category 4 pressure ulcers occurring each month between 1st April 2016 to March 31st 2017**

None

- b. Numbers of hospital acquired avoidable category 3 pressure ulcers occurring each month between 1st April 2016 to March 31st 2017**

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- c. Numbers of hospital acquired avoidable category 2 pressure ulcers occurring each month between 1st April 2016 to March 31st 2017**

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**3. Number of pressure ulcers category 2, 3 and 4 per thousand bed days each month occurring between 1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017**

	2016									2017		
	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar
Bed days	0.276	0.154	0.040	0.077	0.196	0.161	0.075	0.114	0.195	0.110	0.201	0.182

**4. The name of the pressure ulcer classification tool use within the Trust**

The Trust uses the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NUPAP) definitions/classification and guidelines for pressure ulcers. We report using the terms category and pressure ulcer

**5. Does the Trust report suspected Deep Tissue Injury and/or Deep Tissue Injury**

Yes, the Tissue Viability Nursing Team report deep tissue injury when this classification is confirmed

**6. Does the Trust report device related pressure ulcers separately to other pressure damage**

No, the Trust reports medical device related hospital acquired pressure ulcers within our overall figures and report all hospital acquired pressure ulcers

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  
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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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