

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-595**

Date 24 October 2017



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

1) What is the medication error rate in your ED department per year in the last 3 years?

We do not hold this information as until electronic prescribing and medicines administration (ePMA) is in place, we do not have a record of the total number of doses of medication that have been given in these areas or the subsequently calculated medication error rate. We are therefore unable to provide the requested information.

2) Number of medication doses given

Please see above

3) Number of medication doses given in error

	Bristol Eye Hospital A&E	Bristol Royal Infirmary A&E	Bristol Royal Hospital for Children (ED & Ward 39)
2014	0	12	5
2015	**	46	29
2016	**	47	76
2017	**	28	32

Where the figures are fewer 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

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
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

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

Yours sincerely,

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