

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 18-165**

Date 29 March 2018

By Email

Dear Madam

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

- 1. Please can you tell me if the trust has found rough sleepers sleeping in any of its A&E departments or other areas of hospitals at any point over the last five years?**

On the Trust's incident reporting database, searching 'rough sleepers' over the last five years there have been less than five incidents recorded since 2015.

Where numbers are less than five 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. Therefore under **Section 40(2)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we will not be disclosing this information at this time. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information

- 2. If so, please tell me how many rough sleepers and on how many occasions for each year over the last five years.**

Due to low numbers, we are unable to provide this information as 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. Therefore under **Section 40(2)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we will not be disclosing this information at this time. 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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