

**Freedom of Information Request****Ref: UHB 18-184**

Date 6 April 2018

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

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

**1) How many Endomyocardial biopsies were performed in the trust in 2015-16?**

The Trust performed five Endomyocardial biopsies during 2015/16.

**2) How many Endomyocardial biopsies were performed in the trust in 2016-2017?**

The Trust performed less than five biopsies during 2016/17. 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.

**3) How many Endomyocardial biopsies in 2014-15 were performed for investigation of:**

- **Transplant rejection**
- **Myocarditis**
- **Amyloidosis**
- **Sarcoidosis**
- **Other**

Please note we are unable to provide any data for the conditions listed above, without a specific diagnosis. We can confirm however that the Trust performed less than five biopsies during 2017/15. 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.

**4) How many Endomyocardial biopsies in 2015-16 were performed for investigation of:**

- **Transplant rejection**
- **Myocarditis**
- **Amyloidosis**
- **Sarcoidosis**
- **Other**

Please note we are unable to provide any data for the conditions listed above, without a specific diagnosis. Please refer to question one for the total number of Endomyocardial biopsies performed in 2015/16.

**5) How many Endomyocardial biopsies in 2016-17 were performed for investigation of:**

- **Transplant rejection**
- **Myocarditis**
- **Amyloidosis**
- **Sarcoidosis**
- **Other**

Please note we are unable to provide any data for the conditions listed above, without a specific diagnosis. Please refer to question two for the total number of Endomyocardial biopsies performed in 2016/17.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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