

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 18-204

Date 18 May 2018

By Email

Dear Sir

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

Between 1st October 2015 and 31st March 2018, please can you tell me the number of episodes from all hospitals in your trust that have been coded with:

- 1) Any diagnosis from the category Z38 (ie Z38.0 – Z38.8, I believe obtained by searching for Z38.X, but local procedures may vary). This diagnosis could be in any position, principle or secondary. *Explanation: This is looking at the number of live births in the time period in your trust.***

We can confirm there were 12,871 episodes.

- 2) The number of episodes from the results of part 1) that has also given the diagnosis code P39.9. This diagnosis could be in any position, principle or secondary. *Explanation: This is looking at the number of the above patients who were screened and treated for sepsis, without diagnosed bacteraemia.***

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) The number of episodes from the results of part 1) that has also given a diagnosis from the category P36 (ie P36.0 – P36.9, I believe this is searched for by P36.X). This diagnosis could be in any position, principle or secondary. *Explanation: This is looking at the number of patients from part 1) who had a bacterial sepsis.***

We can confirm there were 663 episodes.

- 4) **The number of episodes from the results of part 1), which also has the procedure code A55.8 or A55.9. *Explanation: This is looking at the number of patients from part 1) who have had a lumbar puncture, an investigation for meningitis.***

We can confirm there were 504 episodes.

- 5) **The number of episodes from the results of part 1), which also has any diagnosis from the category G00, G01, G02, or G03. These diagnoses could be in any position, principle or secondary. *Explanation: This is looking at the number of patients from part 1) who actually were diagnosed with meningitis***

We can confirm there were 35 episodes.

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,

FOI Administrator