

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 18-369**

Date 10 July 2018

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

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

1. How many deceased bodies do you have at today's date 14.06.2018 in your mortuary?

On 14 June 2018, the BRI mortuary had 42 adult deceased and * deceased babies (see Section 40 – Exemption below). The St Michaels's mortuary had 10 deceased babies/foetuses.

2. In any of your hospitals of that number how many are unidentified? or identified but no one has stepped forward to arrange a funeral service? or identified or unidentified but are being stored for some other reason?

No deceased are unidentified. We cannot release information on deceased individuals who either have no funerals presently planned, or who are being held for another reason, as the numbers are fewer than five for both categories (see Section 40 – Exemption below).

3. Please provide details of how long they have been in the mortuary and the sex male or female.

The Trust does not hold this data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit.

Section 40 – Exemption

Due to the low numbers, 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. Data lower than five may be denoted by a *. 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. The Trust therefore finds 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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