

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 18-268

Date 6 July 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. Please could you provide me with the total number of NHS patients within your trust who have been billed for NHS care during the whole of the financial year of 2016-17, and any from the financial year 2017/18 that you currently have available? Please do not include the billing of any EEA nationals, or private patients.**

The total number of NHS patients billed for NHS care:

2016/17	2017/18
22	22

- 2. Instead of year of birth, please provide whether they were born before (not including) 1971, or after.**

We are unable to disclose this information as for each year there were fewer than five individuals. Where numbers are fewer 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. Please indicate if their nationality is one of those below, please group their nationality by continent if applicable (this is a list of commonwealth states in 1971). If appropriate i.e. if the numbers are higher than 5 patients per continent e.g. Africa, Asia or Caribbean and Americas then we should provide this.**

We are unable to disclose this information as for each year there no incidents of more than five of the same country in either year. Where numbers are fewer 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

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,

FOI Administrator