

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-008

21 January 2020

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. I would like to know the amount of cases in A&E over the last year Jan 01 2019 - Dec 31st 2019, that have involved a person below the age of 10-years-old arriving in A&E at this trust due to having swallowed a foreign object. I would also like this information for the same request and timeframe for 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

Year	Grand Total
2015	253
2016	266
2017	283
2018	324
2019	276

2. I would also like this data in a spreadsheet with cases broken down by date, location, age and gender, if possible.

Age	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
0	20	25	24	29	27
1	37	40	50	54	45
2	54	47	56	54	49
3	44	33	27	47	36
4	31	46	39	35	35
5	28	28	20	22	26
6	13	27	22	26	23
7	<10	<10	22	24	13
8	10	<10	13	17	10
9	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
10	<10	<10	<10	10	<10

Sex	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Female	112	106	116	136	115
Male	141	160	167	188	161

Location	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Home	227	239	244	293	246
Educational Establishment	<10	12	12	12	<10
Other	10	<10	11	11	<10
Public Place	<10	<10	12	<10	10
Hospital	<10	<10	<10		<10
Leisure / Sport Centre			<10		<10
On / In Water	<10				
Pub / Club		<10			

Please note that when the figures are less than 10, this has been denoted by “<10”. Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided. 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 find that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information.

- Also, if possible, what the object was that had been swallowed in each case. The object swallowed is only available as part of a free text field (Presenting Complaint) and would take the Trust more than 18 hours to extract and it is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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:

Director of Corporate Governance
 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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