

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 19-742**

03 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. How many pregnant women presenting for obstetrics/ maternity/ antenatal care appointments within your trust declared them as homeless or having no fixed abode in the last five financial years (2015-16,2016-2017,2017-18, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 so far)?  
The pregnant women that meet the criteria that you specify in the financial years from 2015-16 to 2019-20 (up to November 2019) are less than five. This does not include women that have given a temporary address.

Please break it down by year, say what type of temporary accommodation they had (eg hostel, b and b, rough sleeper), type of care received, and say whether the person receiving care was an "asylum seeker" or "refugee".

The Trust's main reporting systems cannot identify rough sleepers, temporary accommodation, etc.

2. How many women who gave birth at your hospital in the last five calendar years (2015-16,2016-2017,2017-18, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 so far) were logged as being homeless or having no fixed abode?  
Less than five.

Please break this down by year and say the temp accommodation they had or whether they were sleeping rough.

Definition no fixed abode: no permanent address

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Please note that where numbers are low, this has been denoted "less than five". 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.

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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