

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 20-013**

31 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:

FOI of attendances to Emergency Departments for assault-related injury.

1. The data we require are as follows (for period 1st January 2019 and 31st December 2019) in an electronic format that allows us to read the data into a database. Many hospitals respond to our survey and provide data in the form we require. Preferably this format is in an excel file or comma separated text file.

We require the gender of the patient (M or F), the date that they attended due to assault (dd/mm/yyyy) and their age. Age can either be numerical to the nearest year (preferred) or in age bands ("0-10", "11-17", "18-30", "31-50", "51+"), we can also accept date of birth.

<b>Month (2019)</b>	<b>11-17</b>	<b>18-30</b>	<b>31-50</b>	<b>51+</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Unknown Sex</b>
January	5	49	21	8	36	47	0
February	**	46	29	10	19	68	0
March	**	34	38	8	18	64	**
April	5	33	36	10	22	61	**
May	**	47	40	4	17	77	0
June	**	51	46	12	21	89	0
July	6	45	38	18	29	78	0
August	**	45	21	15	28	56	0
September	**	54	50	9	27	88	**
October	**	69	31	14	27	89	0
November	9	35	38	9	23	68	0
Deceember	**	50	33	10	20	77	0

Please note that the Trust is unable to provide the individual dates of attendance as we have considered 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.

Please also note that where the figures are fewer than 5, this has been denoted by \*\*. 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 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.

2. To calculate the level of assault-related injury in England and Wales we also require the total number of attendances for any reason in the year of interest, i.e. 2019.

Month (2019)	Age				Grand Total
	11-17	18-30	31-50	51+	
January	155	1866	1739	2357	6117
February	138	1888	1602	2043	5671
March	151	2027	1820	2232	6230
April	138	1813	1799	2291	6041
May	152	2011	1895	2286	6344
June	142	1777	1857	2239	6015
July	141	1919	1933	2388	6381
August	128	1838	1876	2287	6129
September	173	1902	1865	2204	6144
October	159	2266	1788	2386	6599
November	150	2025	1804	2354	6333
December	164	1855	1767	2621	6407
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1791</b>	<b>23187</b>	<b>21745</b>	<b>27688</b>	<b>74411</b>

3. Please also include the names of hospitals providing assault data.

University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust.

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

**FOI Team**  
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