



Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 19-591

11 October 2019

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. Please tell me how many children (under-18s) were admitted to hospitals run by your trust for treatment for anorexia nervosa between
 - a. 01/01/2016 - 31/12/2016: 31
 - b. 01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017: 33
 - c. 01/01/2018 - 31/12/2018: 31
 - d. 01/01/2019 – present: 36

2. Please provide me with a breakdown of patients, detailing, if possible
 - a. their sex: Female 121, male 10.
 - b. their age: University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust takes the view that this information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information. The reason why the Trust takes this view is that this breakdown will produce low numbers that can cause patients being identified. 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.
 - c. whether they died: 0

3. Please tell me how many adults (over-18s) were admitted to hospitals run by your trust for treatment for anorexia nervosa between
 - a. 01/01/2016 - 31/12/2016: 62
 - b. 01/01/2017 - 31/12/2017: 47
 - c. 01/01/2018 - 31/12/2018: 53

d. 01/01/2019 – present: 47

4. Please provide me with a breakdown of patients, detailing, if possible
 - a. their sex: Female 178, Male 31.
 - b. their age: University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust takes the view that this information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information. The reason why the Trust takes this view is that this breakdown will produce low numbers that can cause patients being identified. 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..
 - c. whether they died: 1 (please note the cause of death is not covered by this response).

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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