



**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 19-611**

14 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:

**Request:**

- A. Across the Trust, please specify the number of wards, providing elderly/geriatric care, general old age medicine, or any such equivalent, accommodating 20 beds or more.
- B. For such wards, where admission rates, over the period April 2017 - March 2018, inclusive, had not, or had only, by common sense standards, slightly decreased, by comparison with the period April 2016-March 2017, inclusive; please specify how many returned fewer numbers of deaths between April 2017 - March 2018, inclusive, than between April 2016 - March 2017, inclusive.
- C. For such wards, where admission rates, over the period April 2017 - March 2018, inclusive, had not, or had only, by common sense standards, slightly decreased, by comparison with the period April 2016 - March 2017, inclusive; please specify on how many, between April 2017 - March 2018, inclusive, fewer patients were given a palliative care referral than between April 2016 - March 2017, inclusive. To clarify, this would exclude patients arriving with existing referrals.

**Response:**

Care of the Elderly wards/Financial Years	Number of Times Patients were Discharged from this Ward	Subset of Patients who Died on the Ward	Number of times the patient was referred to Palliative care team from this ward on this stay
A400	2438	265	155

2016/2017	1145	103	78
2017/2018	1293	162	77
<b>A528</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>83</b>
2016/2017	218	45	38
2017/2018	308	74	45
<b>C808</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>104</b>
2016/2017	364	70	37
2017/2018	375	105	67
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>3703</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>342</b>

Please note that we have only included those areas stated as being Care of the Elderly designated wards.

You have stated that the patient needs to have been referred during this stay which turned out to be their last. How many had been referred to Palliative Care previous to their last stay has not been asked for, and has not been given.

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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