

Date 23 May 2017



Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

- 1. The total number of deaths that have occurred at the Trust in each of the last five years (please provide data broken down by year)**

2012	1307
2013	1377
2014	1277
2015	1301
2016	1355

### **The number of these deaths that were classified as unexpected**

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply **Section 21** of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain in the Trust's Annual Quality report on the following link: <http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/about-us/key-publications>. Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

- 2. The total number of deaths that have been referred to the Coroner by the Trust in each of the last five years**

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply **Section 21** of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain in the Trust's Annual Quality report on the following link: <http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/about-us/key-publications>. Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

### **Of these, the number of deaths of patients with a learning disability referred to the Coroner**

We do not hold this information as we have never recorded whether or not a person had a learning disability at time of their death.

- 3. The total number of deaths of patients with a learning disability that have occurred at the Trust in each of the last five years (please provide total number and indicate whether they were inpatients at the time of their deaths)**

Please see statement below.

**Of these, the number of these deaths of patients with a learning disability that were classified as unexpected**

As the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time

- 4. The total number of deaths at the Trust reported as an incident on the National Reporting and Learning System (NRLS) in each of the last five years**

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply **Section 21** of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain in the Trust's Annual Quality report on the following link: <http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/about-us/key-publications>. Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

**The total number of deaths at the Trust reported on Strategic Executive Information System (STEIS) in each of the last five years**

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply **Section 21** of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain in the Trust's Annual Quality report on the following link: <http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/about-us/key-publications>. Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

**If possible, please indicate the number of these that relate to patients with a learning disability**

We do not hold this information.

- 5. The total number of initial 72-hour reviews into deaths (as defined by the NHS Serious Incident Framework) in each of the last five years**

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply **Section 21** of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain in the Trust's Annual Quality report on the following link: <http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/about-us/key-publications>. Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the

requested information is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

**Total number of investigations into deaths (as defined by the NHS SI Framework) in each of the last five years - please provide data broken down by severity, Level 1 internal investigations, Level 2 comprehensive internal investigations, Level 3 independent investigations. Please also indicate whether the numbers refer to investigations opened or completed.**

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The figures provided in the Trust's annual quality report refer to open investigations. Please note all are at least level 2 comprehensive investigations and an independent opinion or review may be sought as part of this investigation.

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:

Trust Secretary  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
BS1 3NU

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

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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