

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-315**

Date 19 June 2017

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

The information I seek is:

- 1) **Statistics from the last 20 years of the outcomes of Cardiothoracic surgery conducted at the Cardiothoracic Centre at The Bristol Heart Institute and Bristol Royal Infirmary Hospitals, in particularly deaths post surgery - broken down by Cardiothoracic surgeons employed at the hospital.**
- 2) **Statistics from the last 20 years of deaths post surgery at the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at both hospitals . This will include patients discharged from the hospital who die within 1 month of the operation.**

I would be interested in any information held by your organisation regarding my request. I understand that I do not have to specify particular files or documents and it is the department's responsibility to provide the information I require. If you need further clarification please contact me by email.

Please see attached file titled 'FOI 17-315 outcomes 1996 to 2016 v2'.

Where the figures are less 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, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. 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. There 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:

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

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

Yours sincerely,

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