

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 17-400

Date 3 August 2017



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

- 1. Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/ severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic - shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that received intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please state the number where death was a recorded outcome.  
Where death has occurred during the admission used for the audit and where sepsis/infection is recorded on death certificate?**

There were 9 cases between April 2016 - March 2017, where death has occurred during the admission used for the audit and where sepsis/infection is recorded on death certificate.

- 2. Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that did not receive intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please state the number where death was a recorded outcome?**

Between May 2016 and March 2017, where death has occurred during the admission used for the audit and where sepsis/infection is recorded on death certificate, there were less than 5 cases.

Where numbers are less than five 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

- 3. Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that received intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please give the number of cases that were subsequently investigated as part of the hospital's internal clinical risk reporting process?**

There were none relating to sepsis between April 2016-March 2017.

- 4. Of all patients recorded in the Sepsis CQUIN figures by the Trust, showing the number presenting with simple sepsis/ severe sepsis, Red Flag Sepsis or septic shock, (depending on the protocols in place at the time) that did not receive intravenous antibiotics within the hour, please give the number of cases that were subsequently investigated as part of the hospital's internal clinical risk reporting process.**

There were none relating to sepsis between April 2016-March 2017.

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  
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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,

