

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 17-461**

Date 17 August 2017



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

- 1) Please could you provide the number of admitted patient care episodes which are classified according to the 2016 HES Data Dictionary as ADMISORC = 87 Non-NHS run Hospitals for the years 2011 - 2017 inclusive, and specify whether these are elective, emergency or other forms of admission.**

The table below shows the number of admitted patient care episodes for the years 2011 – 2017 inclusive.

	Patients
Emergency/Non-Elective	20
Booked/Elective	7
Total	27

- 2) In providing the above data please could you include duration of spell for each care episode? This is classified as SPELDUR in the 2016 HES data dictionary. Please could you also specify whether the admitted patient died or survived the admission?**

The average duration of spell for each care episode was 12 days. Of the 27 patients, less than five patients died. We are unable to provide the exact figure as 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) Please could you provide the numbers of NHS patients who have been sent for treatment in private hospitals by your Trust at the expense of the NHS in each financial year since 2011?

The table below shows the number of NHS patients who have been sent for treatment to private hospitals by University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust.

2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
433	164	1056	1145	1604

4) Please could you tell me how much has been spent by your Trust on outsourcing treatment of patients to private hospitals in each financial year since 2011? I would be grateful to have this information by Account Code description as used in the response to this question by the Heart of England Foundation Trust, given in the FOI response indicated here: <http://www.heartofengland.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/FOI5113.pdf>

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's	£000's
Outsourcing costs to private hospitals	821	1,334	1,809	433	1,440	1,657	4,328

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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