Ref: UHB 17-730

NHS Foundation Trust

Freedom of Information Request

Date 19 December 2017



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

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with the number of people who attended A&E from each postcode sector (first par and first number of second part e.g. CF11 9), during the period from September 1 to November 30. Please provide the information broken down by individual hospital.

Please see attached document.

Where the figures are fewer 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. For the same reason, we have therefore remove the entire second section of the postcode, e.g. as per your example of 'CF11 9' to 'CF11' of any postcodes that feature fewer than five times on the list. We have considered there is the potential for individuals to be identified, when considered with information that may already be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of this information would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. Therefore under **Section 40(2)** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we will not be disclosing this information at this time. 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
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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

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click here.

Yours sincerely,

