

**Freedom of Information Request****Ref: UHB 18-008**

Date 19 January 2018

By Email

Dear Sir

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

- 1) Please provide assault-related injury A&E attendances for 2017 (1st January 2017 – 31st December 2017). We require the gender of the patient (M or F), the date that they attended due to the assault and their age band (0-10, 11-17, 18-30, 31-50, 51+). Please provide this information in an excel spreadsheet.**

Please find attached assault-related injury A&E attendance data for 1st January - 31st December 2017. Please be advised the number of assaults increases from October 2017 due to increase of mandatory data collection within the Emergency Department, including within the assaults section.

Please note we are unable to provide the individual dates they attended as we have considered 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. Please also note 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. 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. 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.

- 2) Total number of attendances for any reason in the year of interest, i.e. 2017.**  
Please see attached spreadsheet.

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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