

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 18-161**

Date 10 April 2018

By Email

Dear Madam

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

1. The names of your current consultant Upper GI surgeons who undertake oesophagogastric cancer resections.

Contact details for the Trusts senior staff are available from our website:

<http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/for-clinicians/gp-handbook/quick-reference-telephone-directory/>

Under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act, relating to a breach of Principle 1 of the Data Protection Act we are required to judge as to whether the disclosure of the information of less senior staff would be fair and reasonable to our employees.

Guidance issued by the Information Commissioner states that this exemption will commonly apply to "lists and directories of staff" and we do not believe that disclosing names and contact details to a third party would be fair or reasonable; therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

2. The number of adult (age >18) oesophageal resections per year undertaken in the period 1st January 2013- January 2018

We are able to obtain this information however we have decided to apply Section 21 of the FOIA as this information is reasonably accessible in the public domain on the following link: <http://www.augis.org/national-oesophago-gastric-cancer-audit/>. Section 21 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to provide the requested information is already reasonably accessible and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

3. Your Mortality rates post oesophagectomy (for the same time period)

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4. Population catchment area for OG cancer

We serve the populations for our own hospital plus those covered by North Bristol, Weston, Bath, Taunton and Yeovil hospitals.

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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