

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 18-408

Date 27 July 2018

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Under the terms of the Freedom Of Information act I'm requesting information on the subject of STIs.

Please could you give me the number of cases of STIs you've treated as a trust within the last 12 months?

Could I have a breakdown of the following; age, sex, area and type of STI.

Is it possible to have this information narrowed down to each of your NHS sexual health centres?

Please see the Trust's response in the attachment. Please note, we have not provided information related to the specific location or age of cases, or information on types of STI where the total number of cases is fewer than five, as we believe there is the potential for individuals to be identified from this information. We have therefore applied the **Section 40** exemption on data protection from the Freedom of Information Act. Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by *.

SECTION 40 – DATA PROTECTION

We have considered that there is the potential for 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 this information would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. (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

Publication

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Yours sincerely

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