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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

- 1. I would like to exercise my rights under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to find out when ward 2 was last available for females requiring gynaecology surgery in Leigh Infirmary.*

Ward 2 has a routine gynaecological list every two weeks the last one being in December 2017.

Prior to April 2017 all routine gynaecological day case surgery at Leigh Infirmary took place on ward 2. At this time some patient cases including gynaecological specialty were reallocated to ward 3 to improve efficiency of list planning and increase patient safety due to a higher ratio of nurse: patient staffing available on ward 3.

However it is important to maintain privacy and dignity of not just gynaecology patients but every patient who uses our services and patients are accepted onto ward 3 into dedicated areas to support this.

This is the same model of care we employ on the Royal Albert Edward site where two of our inpatient wards admit female patients.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

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