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Date: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

## **INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

### **You asked:**

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000/Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I am writing to request anonymous information about Do Not Resuscitate/ Do Not Attempt Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (DNACPR) orders that have been issued in your Trust during specific periods (detailed below).

I would like to request the following information:

1. How many DNACPR orders were issued between 23rd March 2019 – 1st August 2019 (period 1)?
2. How many DNACPR orders were issued between 1st October 2019 – 31st January 2020 (period 2)?
3. How many DNACPR orders were issued between 23rd March 2020 – 1st August 2020 (period 3)?
4. How many DNACPR orders were issued between 1st October 2020 – 31st January 2021 (period 4)?
5. Please provide aggregate data for each period as follows:
  - a. Patient sex/gender (whichever term you use)
  - b. Patient age category (16 or under; 17-24; 25-29; 30-34; 35-39; 40-44; 45-49; 50-54; 55-59; 60-64; 65-69; 70-74; 75-79; 80-84; 85-89; 90 or above)
  - c. Patient ethnicity (as per government categories <https://www.ethnicity-facts-figures.service.gov.uk/style-guide/ethnic-groups> and see attached table)
  - d. Underlying health conditions (cancer; chronic kidney disease; chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; heart conditions; obesity; other; none)
  - e. Diagnosed learning disability (number of patients with a diagnosed learning disability)
  - f. Number of DNACPR orders issued with and without patient consultation/knowledge
  - g. Number of patients who died within 8 weeks of DNACPR order

**I have produced a table (attached) to complete, but I am happy to receive the information in a different format. I have also attached an example/dummy completed spreadsheet to show how the data might look.**

In response to your request - The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not ask staff to interrogate them to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

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,



Rabina Tindale  
Chief Nurse & DIPC

**PLEASE NOTE:**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Appley Bridge, Wigan, WN6 9EP

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Helpline number: 0303 123 1113