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Date Received: 1st July 2021

Response Due: 29th July 2021

Date: 27th July 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

1. Please can you tell me how many patients have been removed from waiting lists at the trust because they have died, for each of the following years:

- a) 2021 to date - 156
- b) 2020 - 365
- c) 2019 - 209
- d) 2018 - 172
- e) 2017 - 175

2. Please also tell me whether the trust has any policies to limit the number of new referrals for any of the following procedures:

- a) Hernia repair
- b) Cataract surgery
- c) Hip and knee replacements

There are no policies in place to restrict the number of referrals for the procedures listed.

3. If yes to question 2, please could you provide more details and also let me know when these policies came into place?

Please see response to question 2.

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,



Claire Wannell
Deputy Director of Operations & Performance – Surgery Division

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
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 1113