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Date: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information on the number of staff impacted by long Covid under your trust.**

- 1. How many staff members were recorded to have had long Covid while working for your trust at any time in the period between March 2020 - September 2021?**

We do not record data to this level of granularity.

- 2. What were the five longest periods in days that a member of staff took a leave of absence due to long Covid in the time period between March 2020 - September 2021?**

Please see response to question 1.

- 3. Could you state all leave of absences taken where long Covid was cited as the cause between March 2020 and September 2021.**

Please see response to question 1.

- 4. Does your trust offer any specialised support for staff members living with long Covid? If so could you please provide details of these services.**

We have a clinic run by one of our clinicians that our staff are referred to if they are struggling with the aftereffects of Covid – there is additional psychological support available via the Health and Wellbeing team.

- 5. What plans, if any, are in place to improve the support available to staff members who are living with long Covid while working for your trust?**

We are not aware of any further potential developments.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Balson". The signature is written in a cursive style, with the first name "Alison" being more legible than the last name "Balson".

Alison Balson  
Director of Workforce

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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, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

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