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Response Due: 11th February 2022

Date: 4th February 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information; please could you inform me:

If you have in your jurisdiction information on the following incidents that, can you provide me with the information:

- 1. For the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date, the total number of reported incidents referring to synthetic opioid abuse.**
- 2. For the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date, the total number of reported incidents referring to OxyContin/Oxycodone abuse, illegal dealing, and/or illegal prescriptions.**

Can I have the data returned to me broken down by calendar year please.


We are unable to disclose this information for reasons of operational security in the management of controlled drugs.

Please see our refusal notice below.

Refusal Notice: Having considered the Public Interest Test, the Trust is applying section 31(1)(a) – prevention or detection of crime. We are applying this exemption in order to ensure that the Trust can protect the information that it holds on its systems, the release of which would make it more vulnerable to crime.

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, appearing to read 'Sanjay Arya', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sanjay Arya
Medical Director

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

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