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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.

A) *The number of patients kept on life support for more than 28 days in 2015, 2016 and 2017?*

Finance/SLR work in financial years so:

Year	Patients over 28 Days	Avg Cost per Day	Total LOS	Total Cost
2014/15	6	£2,600	226	£587,600
2015/16	2	£2,600	66	£171,600
2016/17	4	£2,600	146	£379,600

and B) *The total of keeping patients on life support each year in 2015, 2016 and 2017?*

For all patients, we can only give financial years, as we do not collect this data in ICU:

Year	Total Days	Total Cost
14/15	1,434	3,728,400
15/16	1,321	3,434,600
16/17	1,281	3,330,600

We have no paediatric intensive care unit at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation trust so any child that is ventilated gets transferred out to a PICU. We should never be in a position where we have a child ventilated at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust for >28days.

In the Neonatal Unit we do ventilate babies. However, we are a Level 2 unit and as per Network guidelines any baby who needs longer-term ventilation (this is defined as >48hrs) needs a discussion and certainly a transfer if gets well beyond 2<sup>nd</sup> day of ventilation to a Level 3 unit. We should therefore not have any baby on ventilation locally for >28 days.

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 'Rob Forster', written in a cursive style.

Rob Forster  
Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Finance & Informatics

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