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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

I'm contacting you regarding a research study at the University of Southampton, looking at nutritional management of people with colorectal cancer across the UK. This work follows on from **CREW**, a research study that looked at recovery of health and wellbeing following treatment of colorectal cancer. More information about CREW can be found here: <https://www.southampton.ac.uk/msrg/ourresearch/macmillan-crew-cohort/macmillan-crew-cohort.page>

As part of the research, we would like to request the following information from your organisation to find out more about the current structure and commissioning of dietetic services in colorectal cancer care in NHS Trusts in the UK. Please note that the information request includes a table that may not be formatted correctly on receipt - as such, the full request is also attached as a Word document for your information. We thank you for your time in completing this request.

Freedom of information request questions:

Name of organisation (NHS Trust):

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust

Please list the acute hospital site/s within the Trust:

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary (Wigan)

Leigh Infirmary

Wrightington Hospital

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS FOR EACH ACUTE HOSPITAL SITE LISTED ABOVE

HOSPITAL 1

HOSPITAL AND SERVICES

1. The hospital would be described as a (please delete as appropriate):

District general (*defined as a major provider of secondary care in the local area*)

2. Total number of inpatient beds at this hospital: 533

3. Does the hospital provide colorectal cancer services (please delete as appropriate): Yes – we are based at Wigan but cover patients at all three sites.

4. Is the hospital a specialist colorectal cancer care centre (please delete as appropriate): No – we perform surgery for Colorectal cancer patients at Wigan but we refer to Christies for Oncology treatment (radiotherapy/Chemotherapy etc.)

DIETETIC SERVICE

5. How many dietitians are employed in the hospital (please answer in FTE units): 5

WTE, 1 WTE is based within an outpatient clinic

6. How many dietitians are commissioned to provide dietetic services in each cancer type (please answer in FTE units. Where no time is commissioned, please enter 0):

The 5 WTE acute dietitians are ward based rather than disease specific providing a service to oncology patients as well as other medical & surgical patients across the acute trust.

	Colorectal cancer care	Breast cancer care	Lung cancer care	Pancreato-hepato-biliary cancer care	Other
Dedicated, tumour-specific, post*	0	0	0	0	0
Specialist general cancer care dietitian**	0	0	0	0	0

* This does not include specialist cancer posts that cover multiple cancer types.

**E.g. a cancer care dietitian that covers multiple cancer types – time is not split by cancer type

7. a. Is there any band 5, general dietetic cover for colorectal cancer care (please delete as appropriate): No

b. If yes, how many dietitians are commissioned (please answer in FTE units): N/A

8. If there is dietetic time commissioned for colorectal cancer care at the hospital, does this include outpatient or community follow up after discharge? (please delete

as appropriate)

Yes, by a general cancer specialist dietitian

9. If dietetic time is commissioned for colorectal cancer care, where does the funding come from?

Funded Macmillan Dietitian post in Community

PLEASE COPY AND PASTE QUESTIONS 1-9 TO COMPLETE FOR ANY FURTHER SITES

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 'M. Fleming', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mary Fleming
Chief Operating Officer

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