

# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Response Due: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**Please provide information for the following for the year 2024 (January-December)**

**1. How many doctors, physician associates and nurses do you employ in your Accident and Emergency department?**

Doctors	49
Physician Associates	0
Nurses	137

\* Based on a Staff in Post report as at 31 Dec 24 using primary posts only (excl 0 hours) looking at M&D & N&M staff groups, Division: Medicine, Unscheduled Care Directorate only and the following departments included: A&E Medical Staff (W95216), Clinical Decisions Ward (W95028), Emergency Care Centre (W95210), Emergency Department ANP's (W95235), Emergency Department Paediatrics (W95222) and Primary Care Centre (W95227).

**2. Please state the colour of the scrubs each of these roles is required to wear in your Accident and Emergency department:**

Role	Sub-role	Colour
Doctors*	Consultant	Dark Blue
	Registrars	Grey
	Junior Doctors	Light Blue

Physician Associates**	-	Purple
Nurses***	Sr	Navy Scrubs
	Staff Nurse	Royal Blue
	HCA	Pale Blue
	Nursing Associate	Beige
	Assistant Practitioner	Turquoise

\* There is some variation of shades in these colours.

\*\*This will change to red in the next few months in line with the national uniform changes.

\*\*\*With use of Agency, a wider range of colours will be seen.

**3. Are there any visual indicators a doctor, a physician associate or a nurse might display to illustrate their role in your Accident and Emergency department? If none, please state.**

Doctors – None.

Physician Associates – Besides the uniform colour difference, name badges and embroidery would help identify the different professionals.

Nurses – Each nurse will have an ID badge and a “Hello my name is” badge. Agency staff will also still have an ID badge. Patient boards also have named nurses names on.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Juliette Tait  
Chief People Officer

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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.

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  
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