

# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Date Received: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Response Due: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 15<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:

**I'd like to request the following records under the FOI act.**

**1. Virtual wards**

**a. The total number of virtual ward beds you had open as of 15 January 2025**  
150.

**b. The total number of VW beds, broken down by the different specialties served by those virtual wards**

Virtual Ward beds are not designated to specialties, patients will be admitted to the ward across several pathways following clinical triage.

**c. The beds occupancy rate as of 15 January 2025, broken down by specialty**  
The total Virtual Ward occupancy is 82%.

**2. Patient initiated follow-up**

**a. A list of the specialties for which you offer patient initiated follow-up**

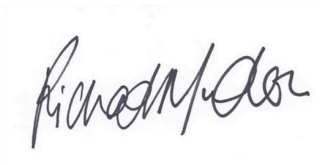
Breast Surgery, Cardiology, Colorectal Surgery, Community Paediatrics, Dermatology, Diabetic Medicine, ENT, Gastroenterology, General Surgery, Gynaecology, Hepatology, Ophthalmology, Oral Surgery, Orthodontics, Orthoptics, Paediatrics, Paediatric Cardiology, Paediatric, Endocrinology, Pain Management, Physiotherapy, Plastic Surgery, Rheumatology, Thoracic Medicine, Trauma & Orthopaedics, Urology and Vascular Surgery

- b. **The proportion of outpatient attendances discharged to PIFU pathways, as of 15 January 2025 (or the most recent data point – please specify the date if different from 15/1/25)**  
None. Patients are discharged at the same time as putting them on the PIFU waiting list.

3. **The names of each technology supplier and the product used by the trust to run its PIFU pathways**  
Dedalus.

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,



Richard Mundon  
Deputy Chief Executive

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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  
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