

# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Date Received: 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Response Due: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 27<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 part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- How many patients were admitted to hospital with pancreatitis in each month of the calendar year 2024?**  
281.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Acute pancreatitis, unspecified	7	<5	<5	<5	7	8	6	11	9	9	7	14
Alcohol-induced acute pancreatitis	<5	0	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	0	<5
Alcohol-induced chronic pancreatitis	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Biliary acute pancreatitis	10	6	6	<5	6	9	6	10	6	7	<5	6
Cyst of pancreas	0	6	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Disease of pancreas, unspecified	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5	<5	0
Other acute pancreatitis	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0
Other chronic pancreatitis	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	5	<5
Other specified diseases of pancreas	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Pseudocyst of pancreas	0	<5	<5	0	<5	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0

**1a) In how many of these cases had the patient been using Semaglutide or Tirzepatide medication such as Wegovy, Ozempic or Mounjaro?**

The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

**2. How many patients were admitted to hospital with pancreatitis in each month of the calendar year 2023?**

261.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Acute pancreatitis, unspecified	7	5	6	6	8	<5	5	<5	7	9	<5	9
Alcohol-induced acute pancreatitis	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
Alcohol-induced chronic pancreatitis	0	0	0	0	<5	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	0
Biliary acute pancreatitis	5	16	7	<5	6	8	10	<5	5	12	10	<5
Cyst of pancreas	0	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<5
Disease of pancreas, unspecified	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0
Drug-induced acute pancreatitis	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	0
Other acute pancreatitis	0	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	0	<5	0
Other chronic pancreatitis	<5	0	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	0
Other specified diseases of pancreas	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
Pseudocyst of pancreas	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	0	<5

**2a) In how many of these cases had the patient been using Semaglutide or Tirzepatide medication such as Wegovy, Ozempic or Mounjaro?**

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**3. How many patients were admitted to hospital with pancreatitis in each month of the calendar year 2022?**

220.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Acute pancreatitis, unspecified	6	5	6	<5	<5	<5	<5	6	12	7	7	<5
Alcohol-induced acute pancreatitis	<5	<5	<5	<5	8	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<5
Alcohol-induced chronic pancreatitis	0	0	<5	<5	0	<5	0	<5	0	<5	0	<5
Biliary acute pancreatitis	6	6	8	<5	6	11	5	<5	<5	6	6	<5
Cyst of pancreas	0	0	0	0	<5	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0
Other acute pancreatitis	<5	0	<5	<5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other chronic pancreatitis	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5
Other specified diseases of pancreas	0	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	<5	<5	<5	<5

Pseudocyst of pancreas	<5	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0	<5	0	0
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**3a) In how many of these cases had the patient been using Semaglutide or Tirzepatide medication such as Wegovy, Ozempic or Mounjaro?**

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**Please include overall cases of pancreatitis, including acute and chronic. Please also include suspected cases of pancreatitis. Please provide a figure for each month of the year requested, rather than the year overall.**

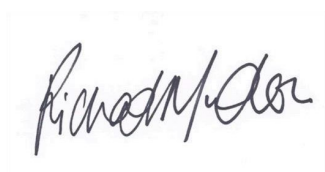
The Trust has a standard procedure of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

- a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and
- b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

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

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  
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