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Date Received: 10th February 2025

Response Due: 10th March 2025

Date: 17th March 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 10th February 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:

The total amount your NHS Trust has spent (£) on mitigations for your a.) high-risk backlog, b.) total repair backlog in each of the following calendar years:

The Trust is unable to supply the figures in such a way that allows the break down into the specific categories you have requested, we can only supply the total spend for estates maintenance by financial year, not spend to mitigate or undertake remedial action.

Financial Year	High Risk Backlog Total	Routine Maintenance Total
2019/20	740,000	1,986,289
2020/21	1,515,000	9,288,307
2021/22	2,992,000	3,436,161
2022/23	2,409,000	3,346,037
2023/24	2,693,000	4,612,680
2024/25 to M10	1,477,000	2,373,175

The total number of mitigations your NHS trust has put in place to address your a.) high-risk backlog, b.) total repair backlog in each of the following calendar years:

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

See refusal notice below.

The total amount your NHS Trust has spent (£) on mitigations for your a.) high-risk backlog, b.) total repair backlog in areas that were set or are currently set to be demolished in each of the following calendar years:

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally in such a way that allows break down into the specific categories you have requested.

The total number of mitigations your NHS trust has put in place to address your a.) high-risk backlog, b.) total repair backlog in areas that were set or are currently set to be demolished in each of the following calendar years:

2019

2020

2021

2022

2023

2024

See refusal notice below.

A description of each of the types of mitigations your NHS trust currently has in place to address a.) high-risk backlog, b.) total repair backlog issues.

Refusal Notice for question(s) - The information that you have requested is exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act because it will take more than 18 hours to retrieve and extract the relevant information.

We are unable to provide this information as the information is not held in a reportable or structured format in our central system and records would have to be reviewed manually which would exceed the appropriate time limit. The Trust has to take into account the cost attributable to the time spent in locating, retrieving, and collating the information. We have therefore applied exemption Section 12 (4) (b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000-beyond appropriate limit. The appropriate limit is set at £450.00 (18hrs @ £25 per hour).

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,



Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111