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Response Due: 12th March 2025

Date: 12th March 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 12th 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.

In your request you asked:

- 1. Please provide data for the past five calendar years (from 1 January [2020] to 31 January [2025]), broken down annually and 2025 so far, on the following:**

Hospital Admissions

- a. The number of hospital admissions where the reason for admission was linked to hiking.**
If available, the number of admissions identified through:
 - **Text-based documentation (i.e., where "hiking" or a related term was explicitly mentioned in records).**
 - **The ICD-11 for Mortality and Morbidity Statistics code XE5BS (Type of sport or exercise activity, hiking) = The Trust does not use ICD-11, instead we use ICD-10 codes.**
 - **The age and gender of those admitted.**
- b. A brief description of the incident or injury, if recorded.**

The Trust is 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).

Injuries have external cause codes which are the mechanics of how the injury happened like trip/banging against something/fall down steps etc. We wouldn't be able to narrow it down to someone hiking, as the place of occurrence is the fourth character of the external cause code, and this wouldn't cover it as they could be on a road/walkway/field/farm/canal/mountain which trail to different 4th characters.

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,



Chris Clark
Director of Strategic Transformation

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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
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