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Ref: FOI/2025/10536

Date Received: 18th February 2025

Response Due: 18th March 2025

Date: 17th March 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 18th February 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do not hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. Any data on hospital admissions, A&E visits, or GP consultations where nicotine pouches were recorded as a contributing factor, for 2023, 2024, and 2025. Please disaggregate this data by:

- Type of admission (eg A&E visit, hospital admission or GP consultation)
- Year
- Age of patient (either under 18 or over 18)
- Health condition related to nicotine pouch use

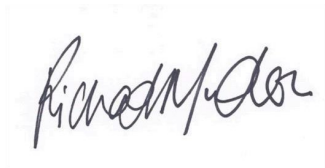
2. Any data on patients with recorded dental or oral health conditions linked to nicotine pouch use within your Trust's dental services, for 2023, 2024 and 2025. Please disaggregate this data by:

- Year
- Age of patient (either under 18 or over 18)
- Type of oral health condition

The Trust does not have a specific code for Nicotine pouches. Therefore, we are 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 to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Richard Mundon', is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

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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