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Date: 18<sup>th</sup> 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 hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**Please provide the following data on waiting times for gynaecological appointments, for the period between January 1st, 2019 to the current date.**

**1. The total number of patients currently on waiting lists for a gynaecology appointment. If available, please provide this broken down by calendar year for the time period referred to above.**

A search for the information has now been completed within the Trust the information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA as it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it via the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/rtt-waiting-times/>

**2. The average waiting time (in weeks) for a gynaecology appointment. If the information is available, please break this information down by type of referral (routine, urgent, etc.) or the type of appointment (general gynaecology, colposcopy, fertility, endometriosis etc.) – If a full breakdown is not possible please provide any aggregated data you can.**

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**3. The average waiting time (in weeks) from referral to confirmed diagnosis. If the information is available please break this information down by condition (e.g. endometriosis, polycystic ovary syndrome, fibroids, other (please specify if available)). If providing waiting times by condition is not possible, please provide an overall average for all gynaecological diagnoses.**

Diagnosis is only coded at discharge therefore 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

**4. The total number of patients diagnosed with the above conditions in the time period mentioned above. If this is unfeasible, please provide this data for the most recent full year available.**

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**5. The average waiting time (in weeks) from diagnosis to treatment, broken down by condition (e.g. endometriosis, polycystic ovary syndrome, fibroids, other (please specify if available)). If providing waiting times by condition is not possible, please provide an overall average for all gynaecological diagnoses.**

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.

**6. The number of patients currently awaiting surgery for gynaecological conditions. If available, please provide a breakdown by condition.**

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.

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

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  
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111