

# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

NHS Foundation Trust

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Date Received: 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Response Due: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024, 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:

**1. Could I please have a copy of the policy for the below procedures:**

- **Vaginal examination**
- **Vaginal examination under anaesthetic**
- **Vaginal examination by trainee GP**

The Trust does not have an internal policy for the above procedures.

**2. Please can you confirm whether a trainee GP would be able to perform a vaginal examination, whilst a patient is under anaesthetic, for training purposes only, without receiving consent from the patient?**

The staff would be expected to follow the principles set by the GMC for intimate examinations with regard for consent and appropriate chaperoning.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'Sanjay Arya', written over a horizontal line.

Sanjay Arya  
Medical Director

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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