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Date Received: 3rd September 2024

Response Due: 1st October 2024

Date: 18th September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 3rd 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:

Please provide the following details related to the Gastroenterology Department within your Trust:

1. General Manager for Gastroenterology:

- a) Please provide the name and contact details (including email and telephone number) of the individual currently holding the position of General Manager for Gastroenterology.**

Laurel Murphy.

The Trust does not routinely give out email addresses and direct telephone numbers of staff members, as large numbers of unsolicited emails/telephone calls, could cause disruption by blocking email accounts/telephone lines thus preventing true work-related emails/calls from being delivered. However, any of the above staff can be contacted via main switchboard on 01942 244000.

2. Service Manager for Gastroenterology:

- a) Please provide the name and contact details (including email and telephone number) of the individual currently holding the position of Service Manager for Gastroenterology.**

Simon McDermott.

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3. Clinical Lead for Gastroenterology:

- a) Please provide the name and contact details (Including email and telephone number) of the individual currently holding the position of Clinical Lead for Gastroenterology.**

Richard Keld.

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4. Use of Insourcing Companies:

- a) Please confirm whether the Trust is currently using an insourcing company to support clearing your waiting lists within Gastroenterology, Endoscopy and Bowel Cancer Screening Programme.**

At present, the Trust are currently not utilising an insourcing company to support clearing our waiting lists within Gastroenterology, Endoscopy and Bowel Cancer Screening Programme.

- b) If the Trust is using an insourcing company, please provide the name of the company, the nature of the services provided and the duration of the contract.**

N/A.

5. Bowel Screening Services:

- a) Please provide details on whether the Trust currently provides Bowel Screening Services, including the types of screening offered (e.g., FIT, colonoscopy)**

The Trust does not currently accept Bowl Screening Service referrals directly. The Trust currently works with the Royal Bolton Hospital by providing clinical support for the Bowel Screening Services within the Greater Manchester region.

- b) What is the current capacity for bowel screening within the Trust, including the number of procedures performed monthly and the currently waiting times?**

N/A. The Trust does not currently provide a Bowel Screening Service directly.

- c) Is the Trust considering or currently working with ant external providers (either insourcing or outsourcing) specifically for Bowel Screening Services? If so, please provide details of these partnerships.**

The Trust currently works with Royal Bolton Hospital providing clinical support for Bowel Screening Services within the Greater Manchester region.

- d) Are there any upcoming Tenders or plans to expand Bowel Screening Services within the Trust?**

The Trust has recently increased the clinical support provided to the Royal Bolton Hospital for Bowel Screening Services within the Greater Manchester region.

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 'Ashish', written over a horizontal line. There are some small marks below the line.

Dr Abdul Ashish
Deputy 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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111