



# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

NHS Foundation Trust

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Date Received: 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Response Due: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 4<sup>th</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:

Please provide complete answers to the following questions:

### Organisation details

**1. What is your organisation's name?**

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

**2. How many full-time employees are at your organisation?**

3,759 \*as of 05/09/2024.

**3. Who is your mobile phone network provider?**

Vodafone.

### Renewal

**1. Did you switch on last renewal?**

No.

**2. When did you renew the last time?**

January 2022.

**3. What is the contract length?**

3 Years.

4. **Did you use a Framework, if so which one?**  
RM3808.

**Contract and usage details**

1. **How many total connections do you currently have?**  
3,113.
2. **How many connections are Voice only?**  
0.
3. **How many connections are Voice and Data?**  
2,050.
4. **Do you use a shared data bundle, if so, what is the data allowance?**  
No.
5. **What is your average data usage of the last 3 months?**  
8,623,404.25 MB.
6. **Please provide your total mobile phone contract costs for July 2023 (excluding purchase of handsets):**  
This information is being withheld under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please see below.
7. **Please provide your total mobile phone contract costs for August 2023 (excluding purchase of handsets):**  
This information is being withheld under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please see below.
8. **Please provide your total mobile phone contract costs for September 2023 (excluding purchase of handsets):**  
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9. **Please provide your total mobile phone contract costs for October 2023 (excluding purchase of handsets):**  
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10. **Please provide your total mobile phone contract costs for November 2023 (excluding purchase of handsets):**  
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11. **Please provide your total mobile phone contract costs for December 2023 (excluding purchase of handsets):**  
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12. **Please provide your total mobile phone contract costs for January 2024 (excluding purchase of handsets):**  
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**13. Please provide your total mobile phone contract costs for February 2024 (excluding purchase of handsets):**

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**14. Please provide your total mobile phone contract costs for March 2024 (excluding purchase of handsets):**

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**15. Please provide your total mobile phone contract costs for April 2024 (excluding purchase of handsets):**

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**16. Please provide your total mobile phone contract costs for May 2024 (excluding purchase of handsets):**

This information is being withheld under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please see below.

**17. Please provide your total mobile phone contract costs for June 2024 (excluding purchase of handsets):**

This information is being withheld under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please see below.

**18. Is VAT included in the above figures?**

No.

**19. Do you have a hardware fund, if so, how much and is it included in the monthly spend?**

Tech Fund = £232,250.

**20. Do you host any mobile phone masts on your premises, if so, how many and who provides them?**

No.

**21. Who is the primary contact for this contract?**

The Procurement Team.

**Section 43(2) – Commercial interests**

Information regarding contract costs has been withheld under section 43(2) of the FOIA if its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

Section 43 of the FOIA is a qualified exemption and is subject to the Prejudice Test and the Public Interest Test.

Prejudice test

We confirm that we have carried out a full prejudice test and that, on the balance of probability, the Trust's interests would be prejudiced in the event of disclosure. Therefore, we confirm that the Prejudice Test is engaged.

Public interest test

We have also carried out the Public Interest Test to ascertain whether the public interest in disclosure outweighs the public interest in withholding the requested information:

Public interest in disclosure of the information:

- We acknowledge that there is public interest in transparency around how the Trust engages with suppliers and procurement.
- We acknowledge that there is public interest in the Trust's finances.

Public interest in withholding of the information:

- **Protecting public finances** – As a public authority, the Trust must ensure that it obtains the best value for money. Disclosure of the information would be likely to affect the quality of future offers provided to the Trust. It is therefore firmly in the public interest not to disclose any information which would affect commercial offers made to the Trust, which in turn will affect the Trust's finances.
- **Ensuring fair competition** – Information provided to the Trust during the procurement process contains sensitive competition information. It is not in the public interest to disclose information which would affect free and fair competition.
- **Transparency** – We understand that there is public interest in how the Trust engages with suppliers. However, we consider that the information held by the Trust would not significantly further the public understanding of its relationship with these suppliers beyond what has already been disclosed in this response.
- **Reputation damage or loss of confidence** - It is firmly in the public interest that the Trust takes all steps to protect its reputation around information handling. It is not in the public interest to do anything which would jeopardise our ability to maintain strong working relationships with third parties.

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,



Garry Harris  
Deputy Director Digital & Chief Technology Officer

**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, Wroughton, 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:

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