



# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

NHS Foundation Trust

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Response Due: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 19<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 data on seasonal affective disorder diagnoses for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. Specifically, I request the following details:**

- 1. The number of cases from each year and 2024 so far, as specified above also showing the geographic areas where cases are reported. I.E each hospital under your NHS Trust.**
- 2. A section showing the percentage rise and falls of cases from 2021-2023 and 2024 so far. In a clear breakdown of each year, showing the geographical areas where cases are reported such as a breakdown for each hospital under your NHS trust.**

The Trust does not have a specific code for seasonal affective disorder. All cases would be coded under "Other specified mood [affective] disorder" which covers a wide range of conditions. 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.

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,



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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, Wroughtington, 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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