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Date: 1st April 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 6th March 2025, 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. What hospitals are a part of your Trust / Health Board?

Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Leigh Infirmary and Wrightington Hospital.

2. Do any of these have Pathology Labs and if so which?

Yes, Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Leigh Infirmary, Wrightington Hospital.

These are essential services laboratories therefore are described and function differently to a laboratory that delivers all end-to-end services.

3. Which of the National Pathology Networks do you belong to?

Greater Manchester Pathology Network.

4. Do you partner with any other Labs to work collectively?

Yes, the Trust has a joint venture with Northern Care Alliance (NCA) / Salford Care Organisation.

5. What Laboratory Information Management systems (LIMS / LIS) do you use?

A combination of Telepath and WinPath Enterprise.

6. Do you have a Single instance / Pathology Network Wide LIS / LIMS solution?

No.

7. When is the contract for your LIS / LIMS due to run out?

2025, with agreement to commence a new contract within 2025.

8. Do you have a Blood Transfusion Laboratory at any of your locations and if so which?

Yes, Royal Albert Edward Infirmary.

9. Do you have an Electronic Blood Tracking solution?

Sample tracking = yes, within Telepath as this states which lab the sample has been receipted and processed at. There is not any tracking for transport.

Result tracking/acknowledgement = no.

10. Do you have a dedicated Transfusion Lab LIS / LIMS and if so which?

Yes, Telepath.

11. Do you have anyone leading on Digital Transformation projects and if so who (if not able to state a name, what is their Role / Job title)?

No, not at our Trust. Digital projects concerning Pathology are led by NCA therefore WWL will support accordingly.

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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