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Response Due: 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 25<sup>th</sup> 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:

**As of 2017, data detailing the number of patients who have died due to problems in care is required to be published by NHS trusts in England. This is set out in this press release:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/nhs-becomes-first-healthcare-system-in-the-world-to-publish-numbers-of-avoidable-deaths> **and in this reporting guidance:** <https://www.england.nhs.uk/patient-safety/patient-safety-insight/learning-from-deaths-in-the-nhs/>.

1. Under the Freedom of Information Act please could you provide the total number of deaths considered to have been due to problems in care in Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust for the periods:
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 = 7.
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 = 3.
  - c. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 = 3.
  - d. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 = 7.
  - e. 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 = please see the below Section 21 notice.

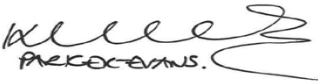
A search for the information has now been completed within the Trust the information is exempt under Section 21 of the FOIA as it is reasonably accessible to you, and I am pleased to inform you that you can access it via the following link: <https://www.wwl.nhs.uk/annual-report-and-accounts>.

Please use the link above and select the "Quality Accounts" drop down, then click "Quality Accounts 2023/24". The requested information can be found on Page 17 of the report under "2.2.7 Learning from Deaths".

**To clarify, this is not a request asking for the total number of deaths but is specifically concerning those which are deemed to be due to problems in care.**

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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The Information Commissioner's Office  
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