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Date Received: 27th March 2025

Response Due: 28th April 2025

Date: 24th April 2025

## Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 27<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 part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I would like to submit a Freedom of Information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please could you provide the following information:

## 1. Waiting List Data

- a) The number of patients currently on the waiting list for the following ultrasound scans:
  - General
  - Obstetrics and Gynaecology
  - Small Parts
  - Musculoskeletal (MSK)
  - · Head, Neck, and Thyroid
  - Groin
  - Breast (male and female)
  - Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT)
  - Triple Aneurysm (AAA)
  - Lumps and Bumps
  - Soft Tissues

The Trust is unable to answer this question as ultrasound scans are recorded per exam code and not by body part. There are 264 Ultrasound Scan exam codes, and we are not able to match each one to a specific category listed above. Therefore, this information is not centrally recorded, 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.

b) The number of patients who have been on the waiting list for these scans for longer than 18 weeks.

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## 2. Contact Information

- a) Please provide the name and email address of the individuals holding the following positions within the Trust:
  - Procurement Director

The Trust no longer has a Procurement Director.

Divisional Director(s) of Radiology

The Trust does not have a Divisional Director of Radiology.

Director(s) of Radiology

Fiona Singh, Radiology Consultant.

• Radiology Services Manager

Lee Unsworth, Directorate Manager - Radiology, Cancer Services & Pathology.

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.

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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Lee Unsworth

Directorate Manager - Radiology, Cancer Services & Pathology, Specialist Services

## 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