

Information Governance Department

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Ref: FOI/2025/10682

Date Received: 16th April 2025

Response Due: 19th May 2025

Date: 28th April 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 16th April 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:

Please can you provide me with the Information below?

- 1. What framework are you associated with for sterile service agency supply? The sterile service department are not on an agency framework.
- 2. Who is responsible for agency usage on framework and off framework in the Sterile Services/Decontamination department at all hospitals associated with the Trust N/A.
- 3. Please can you provide the contact number and email address for the manager(s) in questions 1 and 2

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 our staff can be contacted via main switchboard on 01942 244000.

4. Have you used on-framework agency staff between March 2024 and March 2025 in Sterile Services?

No.

5. How much was your on-Framework agency spend for Sterile Services between March 2024 and March 2025?

£0.

6. Have you used off-framework agency staff between March 2024 and March 2025 in Sterile Services?

No.

7. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for Sterile Services between March 2024 and March 2025?

£0.

8. Do you currently outsource your Sterile Services/Decontamination department, if yes, who do you outsource it to?

No outsourcing however, the unit is jointly owned with Salford Care Organisation (NCA) so both WWL and NCA are in receipt of decontamination services from SSDU.

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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Tabitha Gardner Chief Finance 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, 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