

**NHS Foundation Trust** 

## **Information Governance Department**

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Ref: FOI/2025/10649

Date Received: 3rd April 2025

Response Due: 6th May 2025

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025

## Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

## I would kindly like to request the below information under the Freedom of Information Act:

Q1. current waiting times for the service	Current Waiting Time	Total Waiters
How many waiters do you have in your DM01 PTL	This information is being withheld under Section 21 of the FOI Act. Please see the below.	

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: <u>https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/diagnostics-waiting-times-and-activity/monthly-diagnostics-waiting-times-and-activity/waiting-diagnostics-waiting-times-and-activity/waiting-diagnostics-waiting-times-and-activity/waiting-diagnostics-waiting-times-and-activity/waiting-diagnostics-waiting-times-and-activity/waiting-times-and-activity/waiting-times-and-activity/waiting-times-and-activity/waiting-times-and-activity/waiting-times-and-activity/waiting-times-and-activity/waiting-times-and-activity/waiting-times-and-activity/waiting-times-and-activity/waiting-times-and-activity/waiting-times-and-activi</u>

Please select "Monthly Diagnostics – Provider – February 2025" and once the spreadsheet has opened, please select the "Provider by Test" tab and filter the provider code to "RRF" and find the "Respiratory physiology - Sleep Studies" row.

Q2. total waiters for the following procedures in the Respiratory-Sleep physiology service:	Current Waiting Time	Total Waiters
Overnight pulse oximetry*	The Trust does not offer pulse oximetry.	

Limited sleep study/Polygraphy**	Please see Q1 information regarding sleep studies/polygraphy being submitted on the monthly DM01 submission.	
CPAP set-up/trial routine	3 months	137
CPAP set-up/trial urgent	3-4 weeks	2

Q3. Do you have delays in service due to lack of Respiratory Diagnostic Equipment in any of the following:	Current Waiting Time	Total Waiters
Sleep Diagnostic	0 waits are due to a lack of equipment.	
CPAP Machines		

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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Richard Mundon Deputy Chief Executive

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