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Date: 15th May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 15th 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:

1. Does your NHS trust have specialist midwives dedicated to supporting women who use substances during the perinatal period?

The Trust has a specialist midwifery team (Daisy Team) who trained to provide support to women who use substances during the perinatal period but this team is not dedicated to this group of women only. The specialist Daisy midwifery team support:

- Women suffering significant mental health issues (Red Flag)
 - Women with significant substance misuse
 - Women suffering from domestic abuse making them at risk of significant harm or death
 - Teenage pregnancy 18 years and under
 - Teenage age 19 with an additional risk factor
 - Complex safeguarding: including care leavers, risk of baby being removed, case at Child Protection Level or if at Child in Need Level with potential to escalate
 - Current/previous Child Sexual Exploitation or criminal exploitation
 - Asylum seekers / refugees with complex needs
 - Women with a significant learning disability/difficulty & autism
 - Women who have suffered from Adverse Childhood Experiences
 - Women with a physical disability that may cause safeguarding issues/need an MDT approach
- If so, please provide any documentation available for these services, such as referral guidelines, service protocols, or links to relevant webpages or online resources.**
Please see the attached.

2. Are there any other dedicated services within your NHS trust area that provide care to women who use or are in treatment for substances during the perinatal period?

- **Please provide details on the service, including:**

- a. Who leads the service and which professionals are involved in delivering the care.**

We Are With You (substance misuse service).

- b. Whether this service is a partnership between:**

- i. NHS**

- ii. Third sector organisations**

- iii. Local authority**

- iv. Other organisations**

Other organisations – Charity.

- c. If applicable, whether the service involves a manualised intervention, is an outreach service, or has a specific location.**

The service has a specific location.

- d. Whether the service is provided by a national organisation, or any other relevant details.**

We Are With You is a national organisation.

- **Please provide any documentation, guidelines, or protocols related to these services, and/or any relevant URLs.**

<https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/local-hubs/wigan-and-leigh>

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
Wycliffe House
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