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Ref: FOI/2025/10715

Date Received: 29th April 2025

Response Due: 29th May 2025

Date: 16th May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 29th 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. Please may you provide me, in Microsoft Excel or an equivalent electronic format, with a list of invoices that were not paid within 30 days for the last 6 financial years which would feed into the Regulation 113 Notice you are required to publish each year as part of your obligations under The Public Contracts Regulations 2015, with the following information for each invoice (where available):

- **The name of the Supplier** = being withheld under Section 31 of the FOI Act.
- **Supplier email address** = being withheld under Section 31 of the FOI Act.
- **Supplier postal address** = being withheld under Section 31 of the FOI Act.
- **Supplier telephone number** = being withheld under Section 31 of the FOI Act.
- **The date of the invoice** = please see the "Invoiced Date" on the attached.
- **The invoice reference** = being withheld under Section 31 of the FOI Act.
- **The gross value of the Invoice** = please see the "BPPC Amount" on the attached.
- **The date the invoice should have been paid by** = please see the "BPPC Due Date" on the attached.
- **The actual payment date of the invoice** = please see the "BPPC Paid Date" on the attached.

For the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2025.

Under Section 31 (1)(a) of the freedom of Information Act 2000, the information is exempt from disclosure where its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime. The exemption is qualified by a public interest test. The trust believes that if it released the information requested into the public domain there would be a risk that this information could be used

against the Trust and suppliers as disclosing unpaid invoices and supplier information may encourage fraudulent activities. Therefore, the trust considers that the balance of the public interest is in favour of withholding the information in view of the risk of crime.

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,



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