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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 not hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 1. Please can you tell me over the last five financial years how many people with a dementia diagnosis have been detained under the Mental Health Act 1983 under section 2 or section 3 of the act. Please specify whether section 2 or section 3 was used. Please specify where each person was detained i.e. name of ward.**

This information is not centrally recorded as in essence it is not applicable to our trust.

Whilst we do have patients subject to Mental Health sections, they are only detained to us by default, either as a result of already being in inpatient Mental Health beds but needing to access out services for separate medical issues or attending WWL (usually via the emergency department) in Mental Health crisis whereby GMMH/LA colleagues would assess and agree to detain under the Mental Health Act. In the latter instances, WWL is essentially a holding area whilst awaiting a Mental Health bed in an appropriate setting.

Details of those detained would also only reference the Mental Health presentation which is requiring the need for a section. Whilst some patients with dementia may have coexisting Mental Health issues requiring assessment or treatment, this would be the same as a patient who have say a cardiac condition or diabetes, these are not the reasons why a Mental Health section is applied therefore would not be recorded.

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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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
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