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Date Received: 21st May 2025

Response Due: 19th June 2025

Date: 23rd May 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 21st May 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 can you specify whether one or two nursing staff are involved in doing the drug round for Intravenous and Controlled drugs to patients in your Geriatric and Old People's Medicine wards?

2 registered healthcare professionals who have successfully completed the Trusts medicines safety training programme are responsible for administering controlled drugs to patients, including those on 'Geriatric and Old People's Medicine wards'. Intravenous drugs that are not also controlled drugs are administered by 1 registered healthcare professional who has successfully completed the Trust's IV Therapy training.

- 2. Please can you specify whether one or two nursing staff are involved in doing the drug round for Oral medication to patients in your Geriatric and Old People's Medicine wards? 1 registered healthcare professional who has successfully completed their designated medicines safety training is responsible for administering medication on the medication records to adult patients on 'Geriatric and Old People's Medicine wards'.
- 3. How many Near Miss Incidents have occurred regarding overdosing of Oral medication in your Geriatric and Old People's Medicine Wards in 2025 and each of the previous 3 years? Oral medication overdose classed as Near Missed by Intervention from our geriatric ward: 2022 = 0. 2023 = 0. 2024 = 0.

2025 (01/01/25 - 20/05/25) = 0.

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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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