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Date Received: 22nd May 2025

Response Due: 20th June 2025

Date: 2nd June 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 22nd May 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

1. For each of the last five years (or as many years as data is available), please provide:

- **The total number of patients recorded on the urgent referral cancer treatment pathway.**
2024 = 20,748.
2023 = 19,898.
2022 = 18,938.
2021 = 16,762.
2020 = 12,778.
- **The number of these patients whose waiting time was stopped due to an *enabling treatment*, as defined in the National Cancer Waiting Times Monitoring Dataset Guidance.**
This information is not centrally recorded. Enabling treatments are recorded in a number of different ways and the Trust does not have a central report to run for this.

2. If available without exceeding cost limits, please also provide a breakdown by:

- **Type of enabling treatment used (e.g., stent, dental treatment, or any others as set out in National Cancer Waiting Times Monitoring Dataset Guidance)**
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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hazel Hendriksen', followed by a period.

Hazel Hendriksen
Divisional Director of Operations for Specialist Services

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
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111