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Response Due: 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 11<sup>th</sup> June 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:

**I am writing to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act, regarding use of and provision for the DASH checklist, aka Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Honour Based Violence**

**1. Is the DASH RIC used by your organisation as part of services (e.g. domestic abuse provision, victim support)?**

Yes, DASH is completed frequently by staff at the Trust. This includes specialist domestic abuse (DA) professionals such as HIDSVA (Health Independent Domestic & Sexual Violence Advocate), A&E staff and community staff, such as Health Visitors, Midwives, School Nurses, District Nurses, Outreach and targeted services staff.

**2. Is the use of DASH RIC a standard provision or a requirement in contracts with third-party providers of relevant services (e.g. domestic abuse services, sheltered housing)?**

Use is standard expectation following presentation of a patient who reports or is suspected to be a victim of domestic abuse or an action as a result of routine enquiry whereby experiences of domestic abuse are disclosed.

**3. If the DASH checklist is used by your organisation, which organisation or organisations provide the training that includes DASH training? (e.g. Domestic Abuse Matters training)**

Internal training provided by HIDSVAs who are SafeLives trained and also carry additional knowledge and skills around DA, staff can also access external training via DIAS (local commissioned DA support organisation).

**4. What is the cost to your organisation of such training? Please break this down by financial year over the last five years, as well as by organisation (if more than one organisation provides the relevant training)**

No cost. Internal training is cost neutral due to having inhouse trainers (HIDSVAs), access to external local training is via Community Safety Partnership and Wigan Safeguarding Partnerships and is also free of charge for staff.

**If the answer to any of the above is more complicated than a “yes/no”, please provide a short explanation.**

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  
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