



# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Date Received: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025

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

Date: 23rd July 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 part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

## 1. Contract Register

**Please provide a complete and current extract of your organisation's contract register or equivalent database. We are not asking you to compile new information or manually populate missing fields – we simply request the register in its existing form, preferably in Excel or CSV format.**

**Where available, we are particularly interested in the following fields (though this is not a strict requirement):**

- **Contract Title** = please see the attached.
- **Supplier Name** = please see the attached.
- **Estimated Spend (Total or Annual)** = please see the attached.
- **Contract Duration and Total Period (including extensions)** = please see the attached.
- **Contract Start and Expiry Dates** = please see the attached.
- **Review Date** = not populated.
- **Contract Description** = not populated.
- **Contract Owner (Name, Job Title, Contact Details if available)** = not populated.
- **Contract Notes** = not populated.
- **Managing Department** = please see the attached.
- **Award Date** = not populated.
- **Participating Organisations** = not populated.
- **Procurement Category** = please see the attached.

- **Framework or Tender References** = not populated.
- **Central Purchasing Body** = not populated.
- **Classification Codes (CPV, Pro-Class, etc.)** = not populated.

Please note that the “Contact Title” for those contracts in relation to cyber security have been exempt under Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please see the below.

This information is exempt under Section 31 of the FOI Act for the following reasons: The Trust like any organisation may be subject to cyber-attacks and, since it holds large amounts of sensitive, personal and confidential information, maintaining the security of this information is extremely important. Cyber-attacks, which may amount to criminal offences for example under the Computer Misuse Act 1990 or the Data Protection Act 1998, are rated as a Tier 1 threat by the UK Government.

**Please don't spend time populating these fields if they aren't readily available – we welcome receiving the raw register as it exists in your system.**

Please see the above.

## 2. Total Number of Active Contracts

**Please confirm the total number of contracts currently listed as active.**

Please see the attached.

## 3. Procurement Strategy (2025/2026)

- **Please provide your organisation's Procurement Strategy for 2025/2026.**
- **If this is part of a multi-year strategy (e.g., 2024–2028), please provide the most recent version covering 2025/2026 or indicate when this will be available.**
- **If any parts are redacted, please identify the redacted sections and the reason.**

Please see the attached. It ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025, and it was agreed internally to extend this for another 12 months given the changing procurement landscape.

## 4. Contact Information

**If possible, please provide the name, job title, phone number, and email address for the following roles:**

- **Responsible officer for API access or data sharing (if applicable)**  
Gerard English-Gallantry, Data Protection Officer.
- **Individual managing the contract register**  
Various members of the procurement team – please see the attached.
- **Finance Director**  
Tabitha Gardner, Chief Finance Officer.
- **Head/Director of Procurement or Purchasing**  
No longer in post.
- **Head/Director of ICT**  
Garry Harris, Deputy Director Digital and Chief Technology Officer.
- **Head of Estates and Facilities**  
John Fairhurst, Director of Estates and Facilities.
- **Relevant Committee Member, Councillor, or Board Member for Procurement/Finance**  
Tabitha Gardner, Chief Finance Officer.

**If direct contact details are restricted due to GDPR, please indicate the best department or method of contact.**

The Trust does not routinely give out email addresses and direct telephone numbers of staff members, as large numbers of unsolicited emails/telephone calls, could cause disruption by blocking email accounts/telephone lines thus preventing true work-related emails/calls from being delivered. However, any of the above staff can be contacted via main switchboard on 01942 244000.

## **5. Additional Notes**

- **If your contract register is available via an online portal, please ensure all records are accessible (as some portals may only show summary data).**  
N/A.
- **If your organisation uses a contract management system or CRM, please confirm whether it allows for data exports.**  
N/A.
- **If you intend to withhold spend figures, please note that we are requesting an overall total or indicative spend only – not a line-by-line financial breakdown.**  
N/A.

## Section 43(2) – Commercial interests

Information regarding costs and contract titles has been withheld under section 43(2) of the FOIA if its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

Section 43 of the FOIA is a qualified exemption and is subject to the Prejudice Test and the Public Interest Test.

### Prejudice test

We confirm that we have carried out a full prejudice test and that, on the balance of probability, the Trust's interests would be prejudiced in the event of disclosure. Therefore, we confirm that the Prejudice Test is engaged.

### Public interest test

We have also carried out the Public Interest Test to ascertain whether the public interest in disclosure outweighs the public interest in withholding the requested information:

Public interest in disclosure of the information:

- We acknowledge that there is public interest in transparency around how the Trust engages with suppliers and procurement.
- We acknowledge that there is public interest in the Trust's finances.

Public interest in withholding of the information:

- **Protecting public finances** – As a public authority, the Trust must ensure that it obtains the best value for money. Disclosure of the information would be likely to affect the quality of future offers provided to the Trust. It is therefore firmly in the public interest not to disclose any information which would affect commercial offers made to the Trust, which in turn will affect the Trust's finances.

• **Ensuring fair competition** – Information provided to the Trust during the procurement process contains sensitive competition information. It is not in the public interest to disclose information which would affect free and fair competition.

• **Transparency** – We understand that there is public interest in how the Trust engages with suppliers. However, we consider that the information held by the Trust would not significantly further the public understanding of its relationship with these suppliers beyond what has already been disclosed in this response.

• **Reputation damage or loss of confidence** - It is firmly in the public interest that the Trust takes all steps to protect its reputation around information handling. It is not in the public interest to do anything which would jeopardise our ability to maintain strong working relationships with third parties.

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