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Date Received: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Response Due: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 19<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:

**Please provide the following information:**

**1. The number of stillborn babies made available by the hospitals and/or the Trust for the purposes of medical research between 1950 and 1990**

The Trust is unable to provide a response to this question as the Trust did not have any electronic records during this period, therefore, the information is not centrally recorded.


**2. Details of the organisations provided with stillborn babies for the purposes of medical research between 1950 and 1990**

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**For clarity, "stillborn" is to include any infant who died in the first 24 hours after birth, and "organisations" refers to any company (eg: Sellafield) which requested foetal tissue or the bodies of babies for medical testing**

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,



Handwritten signature of Kevin Parker-Evans in black ink, with the name 'PARKER-EVANS.' printed below it.

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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  
Water Lane  
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