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Date Received: 30th June 2025

Response Due: 28th July 2025

Date: 28th July 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 30th 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request the following information regarding the use of larval therapy (maggot therapy) within your Trust:

- 1. The total number of larval therapy treatments administered by your Trust for each year from January 1st, 2020 through December 31st, 2024 (or most recent full year available).**
2020 = 0.
2021 = 1.
2022 = 0.
2023 = 0.
2024 = 3.
- 2. The total annual spend by your Trust on larval therapy products/treatments for each of the above years.**
The Trust is unable to identify the specific costs relating to this procedure as we are only able to identify the cost for the entire length of stay of the patients. Therefore, this information is not centrally recorded.
- 3. If available, the clinical settings in which larval therapy is most commonly used (e.g., inpatient wards, community nursing, outpatient clinics).**
Inpatient wards.

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 that reads "Jo Bark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joanne Bark
Divisional Director of Operations & Performance

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, Wroughton, 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