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Response Due: 30th July 2025

Date: 30th July 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 2nd July 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:

Please answer all the below questions under the Freedom of Information Act.

- 1. The total number of bed days lost due to discharge delays despite a person being medically fit to be discharged in each of the financial years a) 2019/20, b) 2020/21, c) 2021/22, d) 2022/23, e) 2023/24, f) 2024/25**

Due to a change in the Trusts recording and reporting of patient's criteria to reside, the Trust can only provide methodologically consistent data for the financial year 2024/25. The information for 2019/20 – 2023/24 is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

f) 2024/25 = 35,281.

- 2. In relation to the question 1, the total number and proportion of these bed days lost despite a person being medically fit to be discharged due to not enough adult social care capacity in each of the financial years a) 2019/20, b) 2020/21, c) 2021/22, d) 2022/23, e) 2023/24, f) 2024/25**

The Trust is unable to provide this information due to inconsistency and not having a full year of data highlighting where adult social care capacity was the blocker. Therefore, the Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

3. In relation to question 1, the total cost and cost per bed day lost as a patient who was medically fit to be discharged could not be discharged due to a lack of adult social care capacity in each of the financial years a) 2019/20, b) 2020/21, c) 2021/22, d) 2022/23, e) 2023/24, f) 2024/25

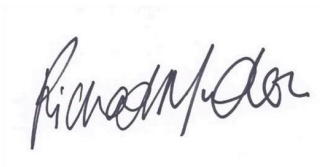
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4. In relation to question 1, the longest time a patient has spent in one of your Trusts hospital beds despite being medically fit to be discharged but could not be discharged due to a lack of adult social care capacity in the financial year 2024/25

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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,



Richard Mundon
Deputy Chief Executive

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