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Date: 30th July 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 8th 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:

Will you be able to please provide the January-March 2024 to January- March 2025 (4 quarters):

- 1. Total number of Hip Replacement SSIs (a. Superficial b. Deep c. Organ space) against the number of total procedures (1a. Elective 1b. Emergency 1c. Emergency surgery <4hrs after admission 1d. Emergency surgery >4hrs after admission)**

Quarter	Number of SSIs	SSI Type	Total Number of Procedures
2023/24 Q4 (Jan-Mar 24)	1	x1 Superficial	361
2024/25 Q1 (Apr-Jun 24)	2	x1 Superficial x1 Organ space	384
2024/25 Q2 (Jul-Sept 24)	1	x1 Organ space	262
2024/25 Q3 (Oct-Dec 24)	1	x1 Organ space	368
2024/25 Q4 (Jan-Mar 25)	2	x2 Organ space	424

- 2. Total number of Knee Replacement SSI (a. Superficial b. Deep c. Organ space) against the number of total procedures (1a. Elective 1b. Emergency 1c. Emergency surgery <4hrs after admission 1d. Emergency surgery >4hrs after admission)**

Quarter	Number of SSIs	SSI Type	Total Number of Procedures
2023/24 Q4 (Jan-Mar 24)	1	x1 Organ space	384
2024/25 Q1 (Apr-Jun 24)	1	x1 Organ space	345
2024/25 Q2 (Jul-Sept 24)	0	-	235

2024/25 Q3 (Oct-Dec 24)	3	x3 Organ space	313
2024/25 Q4 (Jan-Mar 25)	1	x1 Organ space	394

3. **Total number of Reduction of long bone fracture SSI (a. Superficial b. Deep c. Organ space) against the number of total procedures (1a. Elective 1b. Emergency 1c. Emergency surgery <4hrs after admission 1d. Emergency surgery >4hrs after admission)**

Quarter	Number of SSIs	SSI Type	Total Number of Procedures
2023/24 Q4 (Jan-Mar 24)	0	-	16
2024/25 Q1 (Apr-Jun 24)	0	-	16
2024/25 Q2 (Jul-Sept 24)	0	-	25
2024/25 Q3 (Oct-Dec 24)	0	-	18
2024/25 Q4 (Jan-Mar 25)	0	-	28

4. **Total number of Repair of Neck of femur SSI (a. Superficial b. Deep c. Organ space) against the number of total procedures (1a. Elective 1b. Emergency 1c. Emergency surgery <4hrs after admission 1d. Emergency surgery >4hrs after admission)**

Quarter	Number of SSIs	SSI Type	Total Number of Procedures
2023/24 Q4 (Jan-Mar 24)	0	-	66
2024/25 Q1 (Apr-Jun 24)	0	-	68
2024/25 Q2 (Jul-Sept 24)	1	x1 Organ space	68
2024/25 Q3 (Oct-Dec 24)	0	-	71
2024/25 Q4 (Jan-Mar 25)	1	x1 Organ space	86

The Trust is unable to provide this information broken down by "1a. Elective 1b. Emergency 1c. Emergency surgery <4hrs after admission 1d. Emergency surgery >4hrs after admission" as this information is not centrally recorded, 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.

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,



Hazel Hendriksen
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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
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