

# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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

Response Due: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 11<sup>th</sup> July 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:

- 1. The number of hospital admissions resulting from dog attacks (including bites, maulings, or other injuries caused by dogs), each year for the past five years, up until the most recent data currently available.**

Year	Number of Admissions
2020	42
2021	26
2022	28
2023	37
2024	36
2025	19

The above information has been provided based on distinct patient admissions due to a dog bite (diagnosis code = W54.- in any position).

**If you have collected data for part of a year (e.g. up until June 2025) please provide that part year's data in addition to the preceding full five-year period.**

Data up to 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025 has been included in the response.

- 2. Please break the data down by:**
  - Year (including quarter and month if possible)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2020	9	5	2	2	6	4	2	4	2	3	1	2
2021	3	1	3	2	4	2	2	3	0	1	1	4
2022	0	0	5	1	3	5	0	4	0	5	3	2
2023	1	1	1	3	4	5	7	3	5	1	2	4
2024	0	2	7	4	2	1	5	6	2	3	1	3
2025	2	0	3	5	4	3	2	-	-	-	-	-

- **Patient age group (e.g. under 18 / adult or more specific age group if available)**

Under 18 = 14.

Over 18 = 174.

- **Outcome - such as whether the patient was admitted, treated and discharged, transferred or died**

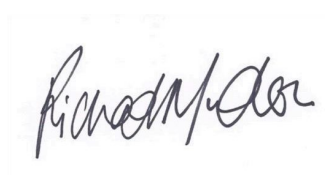
We are withholding this information under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as disclosing it could lead to the identification of individuals. This constitutes personal data, and its release would breach the data protection principles.

**3. If possible, include a short description of injury types (e.g. laceration, fracture, facial injury) or treatment type if coded.**

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.

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  
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