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Date Received: 16th July 2025

Response Due: 13th August 2025

Date: 8th August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 16th July 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do not hold 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 would like to request the following information:

- 1. Do any hospitals within your trust provide a thoracoscopy services (rigid and/or semi-rigid)? Please specify which site(s).**

No, WWL does not offer this service, patients are referred to Salford.

- 2. If so, please specify:**

- a. **The type(s) of thoracoscopy available if known (rigid and or semi-rigid).**
- b. **Please provide the manufacturer and model of the thoracoscopy equipment currently in use.**
- c. **The location where these procedures are carried out (e.g., operating theatres, endoscopy unit, procedural room, etc.).**
- d. **The department responsible for these procedures.**
- e. **The number of thoracoscopy procedures performed annually (if available).**

Please redirect your questions to Salford Royal at FreedomofInformationRequests@nca.nhs.uk.

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, appearing to read 'Jo Bark'.

Joanne Bark
Divisional Director of Operations & Performance

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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
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111