

Ref: FOI/2025/10932

Date Received: 21st July 2025

Response Due: 18th August 2025

Date: 12th August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 21st 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 kindly request the following information regarding hospital admissions related to pothole incidents:

1. Number of Patients Admitted Due to Pothole-Related Injuries, categorized by:

a. Type of Road User:

- i. Cyclists**
- ii. Motorcyclists**
- iii. Car Drivers**
- iv. Car Passengers**
- v. Pedestrians**

b. Year and Month: From January 2019 to the most recent available data.

c. Age

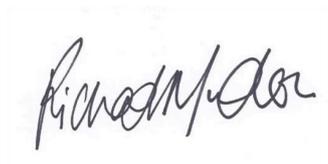
2. Details of Injuries Sustained, if available:

- a. Nature of injuries (e.g., fractures, lacerations, concussions).**
- b. Severity of injuries (e.g., minor, moderate, severe).**
- c. Description of injuries.**

The Trust is unable to provide this information as we do not have a specific code for “pothole-related injuries”. Therefore, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Mundon', is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

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