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Ref: FOI/2025/10939

Date Received: 22nd July 2025

Response Due: 19th August 2025

Date: 12th August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 22nd 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 individuals who should have paid for secondary healthcare, but have not, who were referred to the Home Office, broken down by year for 2018 - 2024.

2018/19 = <5.
2019/20 = <5.
2020/21 = 7.
2021/22 = 12.
2022/23 = 9.
2023/24 = 10.

We are withholding the exact figures 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.

2. Please set out the current total outstanding balance due to your trust by debtors who have not paid for secondary healthcare.

£251,924.85.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Gardner', on a light-colored background.

Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

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
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111