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Ref: FOI/2025/10945

Date Received: 24th July 2025

Response Due: 21st August 2025

Date: 13th August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 24th 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:

We are seeking information about how syncope and unexplained loss of consciousness are managed within your Trust.

We understand there may not be a standalone “syncope/loss of consciousness” service. If this is the case, we would appreciate if the following services were contacted for the purpose of this FOI request:

- Cardiology
- Neurology
- Geriatric Medicine
- Emergency Department

- 1. How many patients were presented to your department over the last three financial years, coded under Syncope, Blackout, Faint, Loss of Consciousness or Transient Loss of Consciousness (TLOC)?**

A&E attendances are not coded; therefore, the below information has been retrieved using the presenting complaint of ‘blackout’, ‘faint’ and ‘loss of consciousness’

2022/23 = 1,782.

2023/24 = 1,977.

2024/25 = 1,905.

- 2. Of the above patients, how many were admitted to the hospital ward for further assessment?**
2022/23 = 710.

2023/24 = 799.
2024/25 = 786.

3. How many were discharged on the same day following a period of observation?

2022/23 = 148.
2023/24 = 240.
2024/25 = 285.

The above information is based on patients admitted where the length of stay (LOS) is 0.

4. Do you have a local syncope management/referral pathway being actively utilised by clinicians?

No.

5. Do you have a syncope unit attached to ED or somewhere within your hospital?

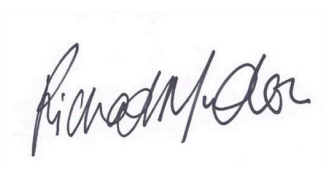
No.

6. If yes, which business unit/department is your syncope unit located in? E.g. cardiology, neurology

N/A.

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

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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:

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