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Date Received: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Response Due: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 25<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 part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**The request relates to home enteral tube feeding, which is a way of providing nutrition to people who can't eat and drink normally. Dietitians within your organisation will likely be best placed to help with this information request.**

- 1. Does your organisation provide care to individuals aged 0-25 who may use home enteral feeding tubes? Yes/No**  
Yes.
- 2. How many patients has your organisation provided dietetic care for home enteral tube feeding between 01-01-2023-31-12-2024?**  
Please see the attached.
  - a. Divided into the following age categories: 0-18, 18-25, 25+ (age when they joined the caseload or age on 01-01-23 if they were on the caseload throughout this period).**  
Please see the attached.
  - b. If possible, please provide caseload numbers by age (e.g. <1, 1-2, 2-3... years etc.)**  
Please see the attached.

The template provided has been edited to remove the duplication of information. For example, 2-3 years has been used whereas 3-4 years has been removed.

**3. Of these, how many individuals use a blended diet\*?**

**a. Divided in the following age categories: 0-18, 18-25, 25+**

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.

**b. If possible, please provide caseload numbers by age (e.g. <1, 1-2, 2-3... years etc.)**

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**4. Does your organisation have the following:**

- a. Local blended diet policy – Acute setting (Yes/No) = No.**
- b. Local blended diet policy – Community setting (Yes/No) = No.**
- c. Blended diet guideline (Yes/No) = No.**
- d. Blended diet standard operating guideline or procedure (Yes/No) = No.**
- e. Blended diet training package (Yes/No) = No.**
- f. If yes to 4a-4e, please provide a copy = N/A.**

**5. Are any staff employed by your organisation in roles funded by income provided by an enteral feeding provider (e.g. Nutricia, Abbott)?**

No.

**a. If yes, please state number of posts (whole time equivalent) and Agenda for Change banding.**

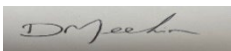
N/A.

**\*A blended diet is the use of everyday foods blended to a puree and given via an enteral feeding tube. This may be used exclusively or in combination with commercial formula.**

**Please could this be provided in Excel format. I have attached a template for your convenience. Any other electronic format would be welcome.**

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,



Daniel Meekin  
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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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