

Ref: FOI/2025/10970

Date Received: 31st July 2025

Response Due: 1st September 2025

Date: 28th August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 31st 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:

1. How many laparotomies were performed in the years 2024, 2023 and 2022 at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation trust.

Elective = The Trust codes surgeries using the national standard demonstrated below, therefore the actual surgery is coded rather than the approach incision, 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.

PGCS8: Incision as a means of approach

When incisions are made as a means of approach in order to perform further surgery on the site, the incision itself must not be coded.

Examples:

Laparotomy with excision of cyst of left ovary

Q43.2 Excision of lesion of ovary

Z94.3 Left sided operation

Emergency = please see the below table.

Year	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total
2022/23	5	12	9	6	11	10	7	12	14	10	11	7	114
2023/24	19	14	15	9	12	11	10	5	10	8	8	14	135
2024/25	8	14	13	15	10	11	16	11	11	18	11	8	146
2025/26	12	8	16	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56

Please provide a month-by-month breakdown and overall total for the whole year.

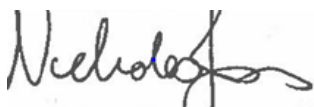
Please see the table above.

Clarification: Please can you clarify whether this request relates to emergency laparotomies?

Response: Both emergency and elective, please

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,



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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
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