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Date Received: 4th August 2025

Response Due: 2nd September 2025

Date: 28th August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 4th August 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:

Please find below a freedom of information request relating to homelessness and hospitals in your area.

For each of the following questions, please provide data for each of these financial years:

- **2025/2026 (So Far)**
- **2024/2025**
- **2023/2024**

1a. Please provide the total number of A&E attendances by patients of No Fixed Abode/Address.

2023/24 = 579.
2024/25 = 606.
2025/26 = 202.

1b. If possible, please outline how many of these attendances were at the weekend.

2023/24 = 166.
2024/25 = 197.
2025/26 = 69.

2a. Please also provide the number of these individuals (as outlined in Q1a) who attended with a primary/secondary diagnosis of drug poisoning.

2023/24 = 0.
2024/25 = 2.
2025/26 = 5.

2b. If possible, please outline how many of these were at the weekend.

2023/24 = 0.

2024/25 = 0.

2025/26 = 2.

3a. Please provide the total number of hospital admissions by patients of No Fixed Abode/Address for each of the same financial years.

2023/24 = 67.

2024/25 = 56.

2025/26 = 28.

3b. If possible, please outline how many of these admissions were at the weekend.

2023/24 = 16.

2024/25 = 13.

2025/26 = 6.

4a. Please also provide the number of these individuals (as outlined in Q3) who were admitted with a primary/secondary diagnosis of drug poisoning.

2023/24 = 5.

2024/25 = 6.

2025/26 = 3.

4b. If possible, please outline how many of these were at the weekend.

2023/24 = 1.

2024/25 = 2.

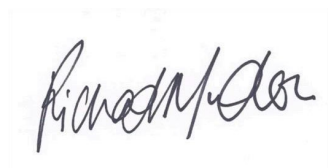
2025/26 = 2.

Please note: the patient postcode field is used to identify whether a patient is no fixed above, but the postcode is the latest postcode we have for the patient.

For example, if a patient attended in 2023/24 and had a permanent residence but attended subsequently and updated their postcode to 'no fixed above', both attendances would be categorised as 'no fixed abode'. Conversely, if a patient was no fixed above historically but has since updated their postcode to that of a permanent residence, we'd be omitted their historic attendance.

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
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Wilmslow
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111