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Response Due: 22nd August 2025

Date: 5th September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 25th 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. The total number of cath labs in your Health Board

2 Cath Labs at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust.

2. The number of cath labs are in each Trust

2 Cath Labs at Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust.

3. The age of each cath lab

The 2 cath labs are 1 year old and 11 years old.

4. Any plans to refurbish any of these cath labs

Yes, Cardiac Catheter Lab in 2026/27.

5. The volumes of private cardiology activity done in these NHS cath labs

2022/23 = 29.

2023/24 = 43.

2024/25 = 22.

6. Any trusts within the Health Board considering procuring managed cardiology services

No.

7. Volume of NHS Cath lab and Outpatient Cardiology Activity last three years, broken by HRG code

Please see the attached. The data is a combination of outpatient (all cardiology outpatient attendances) and inpatient (distinct spell numbers where admission ward is CATU).

8. Volume of Private Activity last three years, broken by CCSD code

This information is not centrally recorded as the Trust does not have a business infrastructure which allows us to extract this information.

Therefore, 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.

9. Revenue of total NHS cath lab activity, last three years

We are unable to provide this information as the information is not held in a reportable or structured format in our central system and records would have to be reviewed manually which would exceed the appropriate time limit. The Trust has to take into account the cost attributable to the time spent in locating, retrieving, and collating the information. We have therefore applied exemption Section 12 (4) (b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000-beyond appropriate limit. The appropriate limit is set at £450.00 (18hrs @ £25 per hour).

10. Revenue of total Private cath lab activity, last three years

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11. Private pricing schedules for all private cardiology activity, cath lab and outpatients

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12. Profit & Loss last three years for private cath lab activity

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13. Waiting list time by HRG code for cath lab procedure as of 1st June 2025

The Trust doesn't report 'waiting list time' and HRG's are applied after coding therefore are now part of our waiting lists. However, the longest wait as of 17th June, was 6 weeks.

14. Waiting list time for New Patient Consultation as of 1st June 2025

The Trust does not hold the historic position, however the current wait time for a new patient consultation (face-to-face) is 5 months, whereas over the phone consultations are 2 months.

15. Waiting list time for Cardiac CT as of 1st June 2025

The Trust does not hold the historic position, however the current wait time as of 14th August 2025 is 7 weeks.

16. Waiting list time for Cardiac MRI as of 1st June 2025

Not performed at the Trust.

17. Waiting list time for Transthoracic Echo as of 1st June 2025

12 weeks.

18. Waiting list time for ambulatory monitor fitting as of 1st June 2025

The Trust does not have a waiting list for this procedure.

19. 12 month and 24 month re-do rate of Atrial Fibrillation procedures

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20. 12, 24 and 36 month Morbidity and Mortality rate for PCI

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21. Residual book value of all cardiac assets in current inventory

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22. Any Outsourced work to independent sector providers and if so, the volumes of activity you outsource, and the revenue values of outsourced activity, on a line-by-line basis

No.

23. Are you interested to explore a managed clinical services solution in your Health Board to support the potential reclaim of VAT on your consumables and/or the opportunity to release working capital through a 'sale and leaseback' (technology transfer agreement) of equipment and assets?

No.

24. Are you interested to explore a 'cardiology movement hub', namely an independent sector provider developing an elective cardiology hub to provide cath lab procedures allowing the acute Trust in your Health Board to concentrate on emergency and more complex activity to remove scheduling conflicts and so reduce waiting times?

No.

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 'Jo Bark'.

Joanne Bark
Divisional Director of Operations & Performance

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
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