

# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Date Received: 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Response Due: 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do not hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

- 1. The number of patients who have died while on your waiting list to receive consultant-led elective (planned) hospital treatment — and who have therefore been removed from the list due to to their death or status as being deceased — between January 1 2025 and July 31 2025? (If your trust calls this particular waiting list something else, please use common sense and provide the waiting list data most relevant to my questions.)**

The Trust is unable to provide this information as the current configuration of our Patient Administration System (PAS) does not allow us to identify patients who have died whilst waiting for treatment in a reportable form. We could only provide a response to the question by auditing over 20,000 individual patient records.

Therefore, 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).

- 1a. If possible, please tell me how many of these people who died had been waiting for longer than 18 weeks since being referred for consultant-led elective hospital treatment?**

This information is being withheld under Section 12 of the FOI Act, please see the above.

**1b. If possible, please provide a separate breakdown of the ethnicity and religion of all those who died while on this your waiting list to receive consultant-led elective (planned) hospital treatment over this time period.**

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**2. The number of patients who have died while on your waiting list to receive consultant-led elective (planned) hospital treatment — and who have therefore been removed from the list due to to their death or status as being deceased — broken down into the years 2024, 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020, please.**

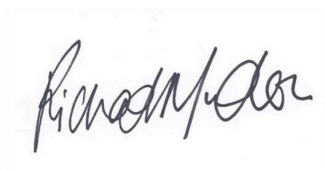
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**2a. If possible, please provide a separate breakdown of the ethnicity and religion of those who died while on you waiting list for consultant-led elective (planned) hospital treatment in each of these years.**

This information is being withheld under Section 12 of the FOI Act, please see the above.

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:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
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