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Response Due: 10th September 2025

Date: 2nd September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 12th 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:

I'm writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following.

Please provide the following information, broken down by month, between January 2020 and July 2025 inclusive. If this is not possible, please instead provide it broken down by calendar year, 2020 to 2025 inclusive.

- 1. The number of times a patient was admitted where exposure to air pollution (International Classification of Diseases, tenth revision (ICD-10) code Z581)* was recorded as a contributing factor to the admission.**

Between January 2020 and July 2025 there were 75 admissions.

I understand this is the code used by NHS trusts to log exposure to air pollution, but if your trust uses a different code or some other system, please still provide the relevant data.

- 1a. If possible, please tell me what the primary diagnosis was for each of these admissions.**

For clarity, I want to know total numbers admitted with each primary diagnosis — for example, if 45 people were admitted with a primary diagnosis of asthma where exposure to air pollution was identified as a contributing factor.

Please see the table below.

Diagnosis	Number of Admissions
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute lower respiratory infection	5
Anaemia in neoplastic disease	<5
Bronchiectasis	<5
Lobar pneumonia, unspecified	<5
Atrial fibrillation and atrial flutter, unspecified	<5
Pulmonary embolism without mention of acute cor pulmonale	<5
Pertrochanteric fracture	<5
Acute renal failure, unspecified	<5
Calculus of gallbladder with acute cholecystitis	<5
Other chest pain	<5
Acute and subacute infective endocarditis	<5
Calculus of bile duct without cholangitis or cholecystitis	<5
Traumatic subdural haemorrhage	<5
Dyspnoea	<5
Malignant neoplasm of prostate	<5
Acute subendocardial myocardial infarction	<5
Other interstitial pulmonary diseases with fibrosis	<5
Pneumonitis due to food and vomit	<5
Sepsis, unspecified	<5
Palmar fascial fibromatosis [Dupuytren]	<5
Fracture of second cervical vertebra	<5
Secondary malignant neoplasm of retroperitoneum and peritoneum	<5
Hypo-osmolality and hyponatraemia	<5
Disorder of skin and subcutaneous tissue, unspecified	<5
Pneumonia, unspecified	<5
Atherosclerotic heart disease	<5
Malignant neoplasm of base of tongue	<5
Disorientation, unspecified	<5
Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease with acute exacerbation, unspecified	<5
Observation for other suspected diseases and conditions	<5
Senile nuclear cataract	<5
Other specified intervertebral disc degeneration	<5
Cataract, unspecified	<5
Other and unspecified hydronephrosis	<5
Other forms of angina pectoris	<5
Chronic kidney disease, stage 5	<5
Interstitial pulmonary disease, unspecified	<5
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, unspecified	<5
Polyp of colon	<5
Paroxysmal atrial fibrillation	<5
Malignant neoplasm: Lower lobe, bronchus or lung	<5
Malignant neoplasm: Bronchus or lung, unspecified	<5
Acute myocardial infarction, unspecified	<5
Stroke, not specified as haemorrhage or infarction	<5
Other chronic pancreatitis	<5

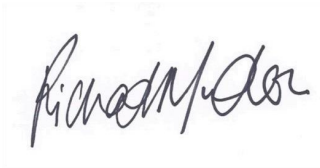
We are withholding the exact figure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as disclosing it could lead to the identification of individuals. This constitutes personal data, and its release would breach the data protection principles.

2. Please tell me how many of the patients in question 1 subsequently died in hospital.

<5. We are withholding the exact figure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as disclosing it could lead to the identification of individuals. This constitutes personal data, and its release would breach the data protection principles.

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 dark 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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