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Response Due: 18th September 2025

Date: 2nd September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 20th 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 am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information act.

1. Volume of requests for F2F interpreting for spoken languages last 12 months (July 2024 to June 2025)

This information is being withheld under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see the below.

2. Spend on F2F interpreting for spoken languages last 12 months (July 2024 to June 2025)
£62,000.

3. Volume of requests for BSL interpreting last 12 months (July 2024 to June 2025)

This information is being withheld under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see the below.

4. Spend on BSL interpreting last 12 months (July 2024 to June 2025)
£32,832.

5. Volume of requests for telephone interpreting for spoken languages last 12 months (July 2024 to June 2025)
4,827.

6. **Spend on telephone interpreting for spoken languages last 12 months (July 2024 to June 2025)**
£44,437.
7. **Volume of requests for video interpreting for spoken languages last 12 months (July 2024 to June 2025)**
13.
8. **Spend on video interpreting for spoken languages last 12 months (July 2024 to June 2025)**
£434.
9. **What are the top 10 languages requested in the last 12 months (July 2024 to June 2025)**
Kurdish, Arabic, Romanian, Cantonese, Farsi, Polish, BSL, Urdu, Vietnamese and Portuguese.
10. **Are you currently engaged in a contract with a language service agency/multiple agencies?**
Yes.
11. **What is the name of those agencies?**
DA Languages.
12. **If a contract for language services/interpreting is in place, what date does this end on?**
31/07/2026.

The above information has been provided based on our main supplier only (DA Languages), not for any ad-hoc providers which may have been used.

Section 43(2) – Commercial interests

Information regarding the volume of interpreter requests has been withheld under section 43(2) of the FOIA if its disclosure would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of the Trust.

Section 43 of the FOIA is a qualified exemption and is subject to the Prejudice Test and the Public Interest Test.

Prejudice test

We confirm that we have carried out a full prejudice test and that, on the balance of probability, the Trust's interests would be prejudiced in the event of disclosure. Therefore, we confirm that the Prejudice Test is engaged.

Public interest test

We have also carried out the Public Interest Test to ascertain whether the public interest in disclosure outweighs the public interest in withholding the requested information:

Public interest in disclosure of the information:

- We acknowledge that there is public interest in transparency around how the Trust engages with suppliers and procurement.
- We acknowledge that there is public interest in the Trust's finances.

Public interest in withholding of the information:

• **Protecting public finances** – As a public authority, the Trust must ensure that it obtains the best value for money. Disclosure of the information would be likely to affect the quality of future offers provided to the Trust. It is therefore firmly in the public interest not to disclose any information which would affect commercial offers made to the Trust, which in turn will affect the Trust's finances.

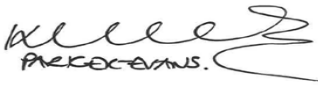
• **Ensuring fair competition** – Information provided to the Trust during the procurement process contains sensitive competition information. It is not in the public interest to disclose information which would affect free and fair competition.

• **Transparency** – We understand that there is public interest in how the Trust engages with providers. However, we consider that the information held by the Trust would not significantly further the public understanding of its relationship with these suppliers beyond what has already been disclosed in this response.

• **Reputation damage or loss of confidence** - It is firmly in the public interest that the Trust takes all steps to protect its reputation around information handling. It is not in the public interest to do anything which would jeopardise our ability to maintain strong working relationships with third parties.

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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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