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Ref: FOI/2025/11040

Date Received: 2nd September 2025

Response Due: 30th September 2025

Date: 12th September 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 2nd September 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information:

- 1. For the period 1 January 2020 to the most recent available data, please provide the number of patients aged 18 to 24 years old who were admitted (as either inpatients or day cases) following cosmetic surgery procedures.**

Specifically, I am requesting admissions where the primary or secondary OPCS-4 procedure codes relate to the following types of surgery:

- Breast augmentation (augmentation mammoplasty)
- Breast reduction (reduction mammoplasty)
- Rhinoplasty (nasal surgery)
- Liposuction Abdominoplasty ("tummy tuck")
- Facelift (rhytidectomy)
- Blepharoplasty (eyelid surgery)

If possible, please provide the data:

- Broken down by year (2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 to date)
- Broken down by procedure type.

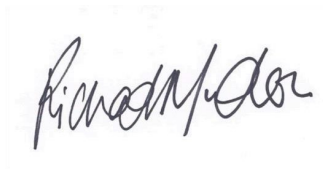
If the request exceeds the cost/time limit, please prioritise providing the total number of admissions for patients aged 18–24 across all listed procedures per year.

The Trust is unable to provide this information as we do not use any coding that would enable us to identify issues after cosmetic surgery. However, as the NHS does not complete cosmetic surgery procedures, we wouldn't be able to identify who had cosmetic surgery before admission.

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.

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, Wroughtington, 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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