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Ref: FOI/2025/11041

Date Received: 2nd September 2025

Response Due: 30th September 2025

Date: 22nd 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 hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I'm reaching out to ask if you could share any information regarding referrals for lung cancer patients in Wigan, supported by the dietitians, in the last 6 months (Mar-25 to Aug-25).

1. The number of referrals

Total referrals into the MacMillian AHP team for Dietitian with a Lung Cancer diagnosis in the last 6 months = 20.

2. Typical waiting times for assessment or treatment

The average time from Referral to First Appointment during the 6-month period is 11.29 days.

Note: This is access time for all referrals into the service, as we are unable to split this down to just referrals for Lung Cancer for Dietetic input.

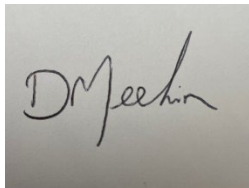
3. Patient outcomes, or any common challenges these patients tend to face.

Common challenges = very poor appetite, co-ordination of breathing and swallowing, social issues – not being able to stand for long to cook/prepare a meal.

Outcomes = often find food fortification is not enough on its own and end up requiring significant ONS.

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 'D Meekin', on a light-colored background.

Daniel Meekin,
Deputy Director of Operations and Performance – Community Division

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
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