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Ref: FOI/2025/11058

Date Received: 10th September 2025

Response Due: 8th October 2025

Date: 7th October 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 10th 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information for each Emergency Department in your organisation.

- 1. Does your Emergency Department receive cases of unexpected child death? If “yes”, please proceed to question 2. If “No”, please respond to question 1 only.**
Yes.
- 2. Did your Emergency Department have standard procedures or guidance for the management of unexpected child death in place on 1st Sept 2025? If “yes” please proceed to questions 3&4, answering using the guidance available on 1st Sept 2025. If “no” please respond to questions 1 & 2 only.**
Yes, the policy was approved in September 2024.
- 3. Does your standard procedures or guidance document ask whether a parent is breastfeeding the child that has died?**
No.
- 4. Does your standard procedures document or guidance include management of the bereaved breastfeeding parent to reduce risk of engorgement, mastitis, and additional emotional distress?**
No.

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 'Jo Bark'.

Joanne Bark
Divisional Director of Operations & Performance

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
Wilmslow
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111