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Date Received: 12th September 2025

Response Due: 10th October 2025

Date: 3rd October 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Please provide the following data for women under the age of thirty with stage 4 deep infiltrating endometriosis (DIE) in your area (Wigan):

1. How many women under 30 with stage 4 DIE have been granted NHS funded fertility treatments (e.g. IVF, AMH testing, LH, FSH, tubal patency etc.) during the past five years 2020-2025.

The Trust is unable to provide this information as the information is not held in a reportable or structured format in our central system and records would have to be reviewed manually which would exceed the appropriate time limit. The Trust has to take into account the cost attributable to the time spent in locating, retrieving, and collating the information. We have therefore applied exemption Section 12 (4) (b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000-beyond appropriate limit. The appropriate limit is set at £450.00 (18hrs @ £25 per hour).

2. If possible, please break these figures down year by year.

Please see the above response.

3. If data specific to stage 4 DIE is unavailable, please instead provide the number of women under 30 with endometriosis (all stages) who have been granted access to NHS funded fertility treatment during this same period.

Please see the above response.

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 'Sanjay Arya', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sanjay Arya
Medical Director

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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