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Response Due: 20th October 2025

Date: 21st October 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 22nd 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:

- 1. How many emergency gynaecology attendances do you have per year?**
3,527 between September 2024 – August 2025.
- 2. How many early pregnancy attendances do you have per year?**
7,292 between September 2024 - August 2025.
- 3. Do patients attend direct to your gynaecology service or via A&E or telephone referral? Or a combination? Or another route? Please provide numbers via each route**

Source of Referral National Description	Number
Consultant initiated following a Domiciliary Consultation	3
Consultant initiated following an emergency admission	254
Consultant initiated: other (not listed)	235
Consultant not initiated following a referral from a Consultant, other than in an Emergency Care Department	4,893
Consultant not initiated following a referral from a general dental practitioner	1
Consultant not initiated following a referral from a General Medical Practitioner	17,069
Consultant not initiated following a referral from a national screening programme	1,403
Consultant not initiated following a referral from a specialist nurse (secondary care)	118
Consultant not initiated following a referral from an allied health professional	133

Consultant not initiated following a referral from an Emergency Care Department (including Minor Injuries Units, Walk In Centres and Urgent Treatment Centres)	2,128
Consultant not initiated following a referral: other (not listed)	457
Consultant not initiated following a self-referral	12,424

Time period: September 2024 – August 2025.

4. If patients attend to ED are patients examined in ED or moved to a dedicated Gynaecology area?

There is no dedicated area with ED for Gynaecology, patients will be examined in a suitable area but if necessary, patients will be transferred to the dedicated Gynaecology Assessment Unit that sits outside of ED for review.

5. Do you accept self referral by patients or is this by GP or Midwife only?

Patients can self-refer for early pregnancy, anything else is via a health professional.

6. Do you have a dedicated Gynaecology/Early Pregnancy ward?

We have a dedicated Gynaecology Assessment area, and we also have a ward where patients would go to but it is not solely for the use of Gynaecology.

7. If so how many beds is this? What is average length of stay for this ward?

Cannot answer as there is not a sole ward.

8. How many gynaecology admissions do you have per year?

1,543 between September 2024 – August 2025.

9. How many emergency gynecology operations do you undertake per year?

198 between September 2024 – August 2025.

10. Do you have 7 day a week access to ultrasound to support early pregnancy and emergency gynaecology? If so is this provided within Gynae or by main radiology department? If there is only 1 sonographer how do you confirm fetal demise?

There is 5 days access to early pregnancy and emergency. It is provided both at early pregnancy and radiology department. Over the weekend – the service is ad-hoc. At times sonographers are available and the scan service is also available when the staff nurse who is trained to scans is on call. Also, some of the gynaecologists scan themselves and provide this service when they are on call.

11. What is your average waiting time for evacuation of pregnancy following miscarriage?

We do not hold this data.

12. Are emergency gynecology procedures undertaken in the trusts main emergency theatre, on an elective list, dedicated urgency list or emergency Obstetrics list?

Emergency theatre.

13. Are evacs undertaken in the trusts main emergency theatre, on an elective list, dedicated urgency list or emergency Obstetrics list?

Evacs under GA are undertaken in main emergency theatre on emergency lists.

14. Do you have a dedicated consultant on call for gynecology in the day? At night? Are they resident or non resident? Does this change at the weekend? What is the frequency of the rota?

We have a dual rota for O&G and it is non-resident 1:11 for over night and weekend. There are twice daily ward rounds at a weekend and during the week night there is a virtual ward round. During the day we have a hot week rota that s resident and is 1:14.

15. What resident doctor staffing do you have allocated to emergency gynecology in the day and at night? Is this different at the weekend?

We have 2 resident doctors during the day dedicated to Gynaecology and 2 resident doctors for Obstetrics and over night and weekend we have 2 resident doctors covering both o&g.

16. If you have more than one site please provide responses to the above questions split by sites.

Emergency work only on one site.

17. How many Obstetrics and Gynaecology consultants do you have?

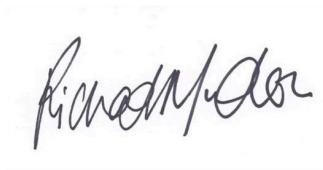
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18. How many elective surgeries do you perform per year?

627 performed between September 2024 and August 2025.

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Mundon', is enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

Richard Mundon
Deputy Chief Executive

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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.

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