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**Information Governance Department** 

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Date Received: 23rd September 2025

Response Due: 21st October 2025

Date: 21st October 2025

## Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to obtain the following information:

- 1. The number of surgical removals for a miscarriage under 20 weeks, known as Dilation and Evacuation, which took place in your trust in the past five years.
  - 395 = surgical evacs (under local anaesthesia) in the past 5 years.
  - 216 = surgical evacs in Theatres since January 2024 to mid-September 2025, the Trust is unable to provide this information for the past 5 years.
    - a. The number of these surgeries which were sent for genetic testing.

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,

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Senior Directorate Manager - Division of Surgery

## 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 Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111