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Date Received: 26th September 2025

Response Due: 24th October 2025

Date: 22nd October 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 26th 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:

- 1. The total number of recorded incidents of slips, trips, and falls in home bathrooms involving patients within your Trust/Health Board for each calendar year from 2020 to September 2025.
- 2. If available, a breakdown of these figures by:
 - a. Age groups (50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80-99, 100+)
 - b. Gender (Male, Female)

The Trust is unable to provide this information as the coding used for falls is not specific to the location of home bathrooms. The coding can only be used to ascertain falls in a patient's home, garden or driveway.

Therefore, the Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

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,

Richard Mundon Deputy Chief Executive

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