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Date Received: 6th October 2025

Response Due: 3rd November 2025

Date: 22nd October 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 6th October 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:

1. Do you have a register of professional nurse advocates in your Trust

Yes.

2. If you do can, how many professional nurse advocates are there, and can you break the numbers down into different sites?

The Trust has 24 qualified PNA's with 3 in training. We are unable to break these down by site however we are able to provide a divisional breakdown:

Division	Number
Medicine	2
Surgery	4
Specialist Services	4
Corporate	6
Community	11

3. If you do not maintain a register, how do your nursing staff access support from trained professional nurse advocates?

N/A.

4. Do all professional nurse advocates need to have regular updates for their role?

It is not mandatory however there is a monthly forum available for PNA's where updates are shared, and regional/national updates are available and offered to all PNA's.

5. Can you say how many sessions of clinical supervision have been provided over the last 5 years. Can you break these figures down into yearly figures?

This Trust does not currently hold this information, however a policy is currently being drafted which will ensure this is captured.

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 'K Parker-Evans', with a horizontal line underneath.

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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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