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Ref: FOI/2025/11140

Date Received: 13th October 2025

Response Due: 10th November 2025

Date: 22nd October 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 13th October 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:

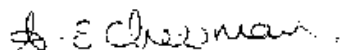
- 1. Please provide the number of patients absconding from secure mental health wards for the years:**
 - 2020
 - 2021
 - 2022
 - 2023
 - 2024
 - 2025

This should include incidents in which patients vanish from units or fail to return from authorised periods of leave.

The Trust does not hold this information as we are not a CQC registered mental health Trust. As such, we have no mental health wards within the Trust premises.

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,



Amanda Cheesman
Deputy Chief Nurse

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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Helpline number: 0303 123 111