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Date Received: 10th October 2025

Response Due: 7th November 2025

Date: 4th November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 10th 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:

I would like to request the following information regarding Clinical Biochemistry / Chemical Pathology and / or Toxicology workload within the Trust.

The request is as follows:

- 1. Could you please provide the estimated population served by your trust or health board**
Please see the attached.
- 2. Which description best fits your organisation? e.g., Pharmaceutical, Environmental, Forensic, Hospital & poison control centre, Government, Academic & research institute, contract research org. Private chemical/Agrochemical company**
Please see the attached.
- 3. If your Trust service and/or hospital is in England, please list the network you are involved with.**
Please see the attached.

Question 4-6 is whether you provide Clinical Biochemistry services

- 4. Approximately how many samples has your department received in the last 6 years?**
Please redirect your questions to Northern Care Alliance at FreedomofInformationRequests@nca.nhs.uk.

5. Is your trust responsible and/or do they cover any other laboratory? If so, how many laboratories?

Pathology at Wigan and Salford (PAWS) is a joint venture between WWL and NCA which serves 2 laboratories.

6. Approximately what percentage does your department spend on the following work areas per week?

Please redirect your questions to Northern Care Alliance at FreedomofInformationRequests@nca.nhs.uk.

Question 7-11 is whether you provide Toxicology services

7. Which tests/samples do you receive and/or perform

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8. Approximately how many samples has your department received in the last 6 years?

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9. Do any of your Toxicologists provide direct inpatient care?

Please redirect your questions to Northern Care Alliance at FreedomofInformationRequests@nca.nhs.uk.

10. Approximately how many tests have been carried out by your department in the last 6 years?

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11. If your Trust service and/or hospital is in England, please list the network you are involved with.

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I require the following information to be completed and returned on the Excel spreadsheet that is attached.

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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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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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111