

Ref: FOI/2025/11146

Date Received: 14th October 2025

Response Due: 11th November 2025

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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 14th October 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Please provide details of which intravenous fluids are currently used for paediatric resuscitation within your hospital, trust, or service, specifically whether Plasma-Lyte, 0.9% Sodium Chloride (Normal Saline), or another fluid is the standard choice.

The Trust's standard resuscitation fluid is Plasmalyte (excluding patients on the neonatal unit).

If possible, please include:

- a) The current standard resuscitation fluid(s) for paediatric patients in your emergency or critical care departments (or retrieval service).**
0.9% saline or Plasmalyte 148 are most commonly used. Hartmann's is an appropriate solution but is not used much within paediatrics.
- b) Any internal policies, protocols, or formularies that specify the preferred fluid for paediatric resuscitation.**
Please see the attached.
- c) The date the policy or practice was last reviewed or updated.**
May 2025.

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 'Masterman', with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Gary Masterman
Associate Director of Pharmacy (Governance Assurance)

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

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