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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 20th 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:

1. Name of NHS Trust/Foundation Trust:

Type here: Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

2. Has your organisation reviewed NHS Estates Technical Bulletin 2024/3 with the specific note on non-tuberculous mycobacteria? (Yes/No - Double click the box to select – choose ‘ticked’)

Yes.

3. Does your organisation treat any of the “high-risk” patient groups listed in the NHS Estates Technical Bulletin 2024/3? Tick all that apply (Double click the box to select).

- **Lung and/or heart transplant** = no designated specialty service.
- **Cystic fibrosis** = no designated specialty service.
- **Haematology/oncology patients with neutropenia** = yes.
- **CAR-T cell patients** = no designated specialty service.
- **Other solid organ transplant** = no designated specialty service.
- **Patients with long-term lines** = yes.

4. Do you have a Water Safety Group or equivalent multidisciplinary body for any water-related issues? (Yes/No - Double click the box to select).

Yes.

5. Do you currently conduct routine environmental water testing for NTM? (Yes/No - Double click the box to select). If yes, please state the areas tested and the frequency of testing.
No.

Areas tested (type here): N/A

Frequency (type here): N/A

6. Does your Water Safety Plan include specific controls for NTM, separate from general Legionella/Pseudomonas measures? (Yes/No - Double click the box to select) - If yes, please specify.
No.

Specify (Type here): N/A

7. If NTM testing is undertaken, which laboratory/method is used, and is it UKAS-accredited to ISO 17025 for NTM testing or according to the methods suggested in the bulletin? Double click the box to select
- N/A - no testing undertaken = N/A.
 - If testing, which laboratory/method is used? (type here): N/A
 - Is testing method accredited (type here): N/A

8. If you have tested, have you detected NTM in water samples from patient care areas in the last 3 years? (Yes/No; if yes, please indicate the area(s) and summarise the control measures taken).
N/A.

Specify areas (type here): N/A

Summarise control measures (type here): N/A

9. Which control and/or remedial measures are you currently using to manage waterborne pathogens in your organisation? Tick all that apply (Double click the box to select)
- Point-of-use filters = yes.
 - Temperature controls = yes.
 - Chemical controls (any, i.e. chlorine, silver-copper ionization) = no.
 - Pipe removal work (including new copper pipes) = yes.
 - Descaling and cleaning of water outlets = yes.
 - Complete removal of outlets/sink = yes.
 - Other (please list below)
 - Other (type here): We follow HTM 04-1 / L8 guidelines.

10. In the last 5 years, have you made any design changes in high-risk areas specifically to reduce waterborne infection risk (e.g., removal or relocation of sinks, drainage modifications, point-of-entry filtration)? (Yes/No; please provide brief examples).
Yes.

Please provide brief examples (type here): Removal of HWBs that were installed during SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic but have since become underutilized.


11. Are you planning any major refurbishment in the next 5 years and/or is your organization part of the NHS New Hospital Programme? (Tick all that apply)
- Yes - planning refurbishment works
 - Yes - part of the NHS New Hospital Programme

- **No – neither** = N/A.

Comment (type here): N/A.

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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