

# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Date Received: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

Response Due: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 31<sup>st</sup> 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:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] testing at your Trust:**

**1. Does your Trust currently offer Lipoprotein(a) [Lp(a)] testing ? (Yes/No)**

No.

**a. If yes, please provide the total number of Lp(a) tests requested or performed per year, for the last four financial years (2020–21 to 2023–24), broken down if possible as follows:**

- Requested by primary care
- Requested by secondary care (hospital clinics or inpatients)

N/A.

**2. If available, please provide the number of Lp(a) tests that returned a raised result, as defined locally (e.g. >125 nmol/L or >50 mg/dL), per year over the same period.**

N/A.

**3. If available, please provide the number of unique patients tested for Lp(a) per year (i.e. not total test counts, but distinct individuals).**

N/A.

**4. If Lp(a) testing is not currently available at your Trust, do you refer these tests to an external laboratory or partner organisation? (Yes/No – please specify name of partner if possible)**

The tests are facilitated by the biochemistry team at Northern Care Alliance.

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 'Sanjay Arya', with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Sanjay Arya  
Medical Director

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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