

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Ref: FOI/2025/11207

Date Received: 5th November 2025

Response Due: 3rd December 2025

Date: 2nd December 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 5th November 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide the following information for your ambulance service area:

- 1. The total number of ambulance call-outs to prisons (including all categories of incidents) in each of the following 12-month periods:**
 - April 2024 – March 2025
 - April 2023 – March 2024
 - April 2022 – March 2023
- 2. For the same periods, please provide the number of those call-outs recorded as being related to suspected drug use, overdose, poisoning, or psychoactive substances (including synthetic cannabinoids such as “Spice” or “NPS”).**

If available, please provide any further breakdown of call-outs by:

If exact “Spice” or “psychoactive substance” coding is not available, please provide data for the closest available equivalent category (e.g. “overdose/poisoning” or “suspected drug misuse”).

The Trust's does not have an ambulance service as this is provided by Northwest Ambulance Service (Nwas). Therefore, please redirect your questions to foi.enquiries@nwas.nhs.uk.

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 'Jo Bark'.

Joanne Bark
Divisional Director of Operations & Performance

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
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111