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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 10th November 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 information for the period 1 January 2018 – 31 December 2024 (inclusive) or the most recent complete year available.

- 1. Governance framework - The framework used for cybersecurity governance (e.g. NCSC CAF, DSPT, ISO 27001) and the year of its latest board approval.**
DSPT/CAF – 2024/25.
- 2. Board review frequency - How often the board or an executive committee formally reviews cyber resilience or cybersecurity governance (e.g. annually, quarterly, ad hoc).**
SIRO Executive Lead Meeting – Monthly.
- 3. Most recent review - The title and month/year of the latest board or committee paper or report relating to cyber resilience (no internal findings required).**
DSPT 2024/25 Report - Published in December 2024.
- 4. Reporting line — The current reporting structure for cybersecurity governance (e.g. CISO → CIO → Board).**
Digital / IT Security Teams → SIRO (Executive Lead) → Trust Board.
- 5. External assurance — Whether the Trust has undergone external assurance such as CAF self-assessment, DSPT validation, independent audit, or security testing (e.g. penetration test / red-team). If so, please indicate only the type and frequency, not the scope or results.**
External Audit – yearly as this is essential for DSPT/CAF accreditation.

Penetration tests – annually.

- 6. Concurrent improvement programmes — Approximate number of cybersecurity-related improvement programmes or initiatives active concurrently in a typical year (2018–2024) and trend (increasing/decreasing/stable).**

Improvement plans:

2024-25 = 2 – increasing.

- 7. Internal coordination — Whether a steering group, programme office, or committee coordinates concurrent cybersecurity initiatives within the Trust, and its reporting level (executive/board).**

DSPT Governance Group → SIRO → Trust Board.

Change Advisory Group → Digital Strategy Oversight Group → SIRO → Board.

- 8. Cross-Trust coordination — Whether the Trust participates in structured coordination or information-sharing mechanisms with other NHS Trusts or regional bodies on cyber-resilience governance (e.g. ICS cyber networks), and at what level (regional/national).**

WWL participates with the national CAN and GM CAN as well as in annual audits undertaken by independent bodies.

- 9. Board learning — Whether board-level training sessions or workshops on cyber resilience have been held since 2018, and in which years.**

2022 - Board briefing on cyber security (public meeting)

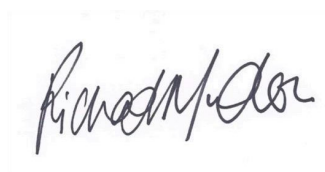
2023 - Board update on cyber security (workshop)

2024 - Board update on cyber security and digital transformation (workshop) 24 July

2025 - Board update on cyber security and information assurance (workshop)

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,



Richard Mundon
Deputy Chief Executive

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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.

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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