

Ref: FOI/2025/11229

Date Received: 12th November 2025

Response Due: 10th December 2025

Date: 5th December 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 12th 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:

I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding specific cardiac procedures.

Additionally, if certain data points are not recorded in the exact format requested, I would welcome any alternative figures or insights.

1. Regarding cardiac catheterisation laboratories and their utilization

Site at which located e.g. hospital name	Contains a Cath Lab (Yes/No)	Performs catheter- based valve replacement s (Yes/No)	Number of days per week are catheter- based valve intervention s within the cath lab	Any additional data you hold regarding utilisation of these facilities (e.g. number of sessions scheduled per week, or average percentage utilisation).
Royal Albert Edward Infirmary	Yes	No.	0.	8.5 sessions per week estimated utilisation in each cath lab.

2. Regarding theatres used for cardiac surgery

Site at which located e.g. hospital name	The number of theatres currently in operation	The number of theatres used for Cardiac surgery
N/A – no cardiac surgical theatre	N/A	0.

3. Regarding procedures

a) **What is the total number of heart valve repair or replacement procedures (e.g. TAVI or TEER) performed in cardiac Catheterisation laboratories during the most recent full financial or calendar year for which you hold data.**
0.

b) **What is the total number of heart valve repair or replacement procedures e.g. (sAVR or Bentall procedures) performed in cardiac theatres during the same period.**
0.

4. Regarding workforce and future planning

a) **What is the number of officially approved headcounts for the cardiology and cardiac surgery departments.**
Radiographers = 4 WTE.
Physiology = 3 WTE.
Consultants = 3 WTE.
Coordinator = 1 WTE.
Registered Nurses = 12 WTE.
Health Care Assistants = 3 WTE.
Housekeeper = 1 WTE.

b) **Are there any plans for investment over the next three years in:**

- Structural developments (e.g. new cath labs or theatres)**
Replacement of cardiac catheter lab 1 proposed 2026.
- Personnel (e.g. healthcare professionals, nurses, or support staff)**
Yes, for a new lab.

c) **How does your organisation define its catchment area and the estimated size of the population served.**

Wigan Borough, liaise with Bolton, Salford Royal, Stepping Hill, Whiston, and Thameside as part of the treat and return program.

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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