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Response Due: 19th December 2025

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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 21st 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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please could you provide the following information regarding cancer treatment wait times within the Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals Trust.

1. Waiting Time Performance

a. For the years 2023, 2024, 2025 (so far), of which data is available, please provide:

- Annual performance figures for the 28-day urgent suspected cancer referral target**

Year	Total number of patients requiring care	The number meeting the NHS legal framework	Percentage performance
2022/23	15078	10682	70.8%
2023/24	18267	14534	79.6%
2024/25	18611	14909	80.1%
2025/26	10944	8307	75.9%

- Annual performance figures for the 31-day first definitive treatment target**

Year	Total number of patients requiring care	The number meeting the NHS legal framework	Percentage performance

2022/23	1309	1278	97.6%
2023/24	1376	1304	94.8%
2024/25	1344	1251	93.1%
2025/26	793	716	90.3%

- **Annual performance figures for the 62-day urgent GP referral to first definitive treatment target**

Please note the 62-day target below includes patients receiving their first definitive treatment at a tertiary trust.

Year	Total number of patients requiring care	The number meeting the NHS legal framework	Percentage performance
2022/23	872	650	74.5%
2023/24	961.5	707.5	73.6%
2024/25	928	665	71.7%
2025/26	583	396	68%

Please include the total number of patients requiring care, the number meeting the NHS legal framework, and the percentage performance.

b. For 2025 so far, for which data is available, please provide:

- Monthly performance figures for the 28-day urgent suspected cancer referral target

Year	Total number of patients requiring care	The number meeting the NHS legal framework	Percentage performance
Jan-25	1564	1222	78.1%
Feb-25	1460	1181	80.9%
Mar-25	1458	1235	84.7%
Apr-25	1616	1316	81.4%
May-25	1535	1152	70.1%
Jun-25	1514	1145	75.6%
Jul-25	1759	1330	75.6%
Aug-25	1392	1040	74.7%
Sept-25	1533	1164	75.9%
Oct-25	1595	1160	72.7%

- Monthly performance figures for the 31-day first definitive treatment target

Year	Total number of patients requiring care	The number meeting the NHS legal framework	Percentage performance
Jan-25	114	105	92.1%
Feb-25	89	87	97.8%
Mar-25	94	92	97.9%
Apr-25	98	92	93.9%
May-25	128	116	90.6%
Jun-25	105	100	95.2%
Jul-25	130	121	93.1%
Aug-25	107	96	89.7%

Sept-25	86	71	82.6%
Oct-25	139	120	86.3%

- **Monthly performance figures for the 62-day urgent GP referral to first definitive treatment target**

Year	Total number of patients requiring care	The number meeting the NHS legal framework	Percentage performance
Jan-25	81	60	74.1%
Feb-25	62.5	40	64%
Mar-25	70	45.5	65%
Apr-25	64	51.5	80.5%
May-25	89.5	64	71.5%
Jun-25	69	42	60.9%
Jul-25	109	75.5	69.3%
Aug-25	85	52.5	61.8%
Sept-25	78.5	51	65%
Oct-25	88	59.5	67.6%

As per National Cancer Waiting Times calculations a patient with a shared pathway (diagnosed at 1 trust treated at another) is awarded equally between the 2 trusts therefore giving a half for that pathway to each trust, hence there is some halves within the data.

Please include the total number of patients requiring care, the number meeting the standard, and the percentage performance.

2. Compliance With NHS Legal/Regulatory Requirements

a. Please confirm whether the Trust is currently compliant with the statutory and NHS England-mandated cancer waiting time standards, including:

No

- **Details of specific standards not met**
We are currently failing all 3 cancer targets- 28,31 and 62
- **The dates or periods of non-compliance**
See tables above
- **Any formal action plans, recovery programmes, or internal reports outlining steps being taken to return to compliance.**
Please see the attached.

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,



Hazel Hendriksen
Director of Operations – Specialist Services & Surgery Division

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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