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Date Received: 9th December 2025

Response Due: 9th January 2026

Date: 31st December 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 9th December 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:

For each of the years 2020 through 2024, please provide the following:

i) the number of procedures performed that use a nuclear isotope

2020 – 1452
2021 – 1814
2022 – 1734
2023 – 2010
2024 – 1948

ii) the number of i) that were a) diagnostic and b) treatment

2020 – 1443 Diagnostic 9 Therapies
2021 – 1806 Diagnostic 8 Therapies
2022 – 1734 Diagnostic 0 Therapies
2023 – 2007 Diagnostic 3 Therapies
2024 – 1948 Diagnostic 0 Therapies

iii) a list of the isotopes used

Tc99m for Diagnostic imaging
I131 for Thyroid therapy capsules

iv) the number of isotopes procured that decayed prior to use to an extent that rendered them unusable

This information is not centrally recorded, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

v) how many diagnosis or treatment appointments that were a) delayed or b) cancelled due to isotope supply or transport issues

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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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111