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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 22nd 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:

Please provide the following details regarding your Trust's management of documentation/scribing during obstetric emergencies:

1. The system(s) used to scribe or document events during an obstetric emergency (e.g., patient notes, paper proformas, electronic systems, observation software, etc.).

The Trust uses paper-based clinical records to document obstetric emergencies. Documentation is completed contemporaneously during the emergency within the patient's maternity notes. Scribing during these events is typically undertaken by a midwife.

The Trust also uses paper-based condition-specific proformas for certain obstetric emergencies, including (but not limited to) shoulder dystocia and postpartum haemorrhage cord prolapse etc.

2. If your Trust uses paper systems, how are these transcribed into electronic systems.

The Trust does not routinely transcribe paper-based obstetric emergency documentation into an electronic system. The paper records form part of the patient's primary clinical record.

3. If your Trust uses an electronic scribing or documentation tool within your unified electronic patient record (EPR), please confirm whether this tool is used to document obstetric emergencies in real time as the event unfolds, or whether documentation is typically completed retrospectively after the emergency has concluded.

The Trust does not use an electronic scribing or documentation tool within a unified electronic patient

record to document obstetric emergencies. Documentation is completed on paper in real time during the event and is not retrospectively entered into an EPR.

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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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
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