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Date Received: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Response Due: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 18<sup>th</sup> 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:

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information relating to chemsex or sexualised drug use within your Trust. This is part of a research project being conducted at King's College London. I have pasted the questions below and also attached them for convenience. Please let me know if you have any questions about the information being requested or need any clarification.**

**FOI questions:**

**1. Service Provision**

- a. Does your Trust currently provide any clinical or non-clinical services that explicitly address any of the following (e.g., within sexual health, mental health, addiction, or emergency care settings) (please put an X for Yes or No for each):

Reference	Yes	No	b. If Yes, please describe the nature of each of these services (e.g. dedicated chemsex clinic, integrated support within substance use or sexual health services or other). If you have more than one service for one item, please specify the nature of each service.	c. If Yes, please provide any documents, guidelines or websites/URLs for each of these services

Chemsex		X		
Sexualised drug use		X		
Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB) / gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) use		X		
Crystal methamphetamine use		X		
Mephedrone use		X		
LGBTQ+ health issues		X		

## 2. Referrals and Care Pathways

- a. Does your Trust have an established referral pathway or protocol for patients identified as engaging in any of the following (please put an X for Yes or No for each):

Reference	Yes	No	b. If Yes, please say which departments are involved in these pathways (e.g. sexual health, mental health, A&E, drug and alcohol teams etc). If you have more than one pathway for one item, please specify the departments for each.	c. If Yes, please provide any documents, guidelines or protocols that refer to, or describe, such pathways.
Chemsex		X		
Sexualised drug use		X		
Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB) / gamma-butyrolactone (GBL) use		X		
Crystal methamphetamine use		X		
Mephedrone use		X		

- d. Are there any formal partnerships with external or community-based organisations that provides care or services specifically for LGBTQ+ or individuals that engage in chemsex, sexualised drug use or use of GHB/GBL, meth or mephedrone (e.g. Controlling Chemsex, Terrence Higgins Trust, London Friend)? Please state Yes or No.

No

- e. If yes to question 2d, please 1) state all external or community-based organisations that your trust has a formal partnership with and please 2) provide any documents, guidelines or protocols that refer to, or describe, these partnerships.

N/A

### 3. Workforce and Training

- a. **Have any staff received training specifically relating to chemsex, sexualised drug use or LGBTQ+ needs in the last 3 years? Please state Yes or No.**

No

- b. **If yes to question 3a, please state:**

- **The type of staff trained (e.g. clinicians, counsellors, health advisers)**
- **For what services the training was provided for**
- **The name(s) of the training provider(s) and any relevant documents or website/URL**
- **The approximate number of staff trained**

N/A

### 4. Monitoring and Evaluation

- a. **Does your Trust collect data on the number of service users presenting with issues related to chemsex or sexualised drug use? Please state Yes or No.**

No

- b. **If yes to question 4a, please provide available data (by year, from 2020 to present) on:**

- **Number of individuals assessed or treated**
- **Type of service accessed (e.g., sexual health, A&E, mental health)**
- **Any outcome measures collected (if available)**

N/A

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,



Emma Newton  
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#### 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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