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Response Due: 12th April 2024

Date: 9th April 2024

Dear Sir,

With reference to your request for information received on 13th March 2024, 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:

- 1. The longest wait from an Urgent Suspected Cancer or Breast Symptomatic Referral, or Consultant Upgrade to a First Definitive Treatment for Cancer in the Trust in 2023/24 (so far)?**
The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes.
- 2. How many patients in your trust are currently waiting longer than 6 months (186 days) from an Urgent Suspected Cancer or Breast Symptomatic Referral, or Consultant Upgrade to a First Definitive Treatment for Cancer?**
The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes.

The information requested is not centrally held by Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals, a manual trawl of patient records would be required. 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.

However, it is worth noticing that the Trust often does not treat cancer patients depending on the treatment/tumour site. We investigate, diagnose, and refer onwards to other Trusts. However, still track the patient's pathway and get a share of the treatments compliance as this is how cancer performance operates.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hazel Hendriksen', followed by a period.

Hazel Hendriksen
Director of Operations and Performance

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
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111