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Date: 28th December 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 4th December 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we partially hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

The questions a cover the period of 1st September 2018 to 1st September 2023:

- 1) The total number of medical doctors employed at your institution, broken down by professional grade (e.g., FY1, FY2, CT1, CT2, SpR, Associate Specialist, Consultant). If you cannot provide this break down, please provide the total for doctors of all grades.**

Please see the attached Spreadsheet.

- 2) The total number of clinical incidents reported where after investigation it was found that a medical doctor was responsible for the incident. If possible, please categorized by each professional grade. If you cannot provide this break down, please provide the total for doctors of all grades.**

This information is not held on our system. The Trust would be unable to breakdown incidents reported by staff grade. Incidents are reported by category or subcategory. To determine who reported the incident the trust would need to review each incident and cross reference records held in HR to determine position at the trust. This would take over the legal time frame to do.

Refusal Notice for question(s) - The information that you have requested is exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act because it will take more than 18 hours to retrieve and extract the relevant information.

12. — (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

3) The number of Physician Associates (PAs) employed at your institution.

Please see the attached Spreadsheet.

4) The number of clinical incidents where after investigation it was found that a PA was responsible for the incident within the specified time frame.

As above at Question 2.

5) The number of Advanced Clinical Practitioners (ACPs) and/or Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs) employed at your institution.

Please see the attached Spreadsheet.

6) The number of clinical incidents where after investigation it was found that an ACP/ANP was responsible for the incident within the specified time frame.

As above at Question 2.

7) For questions 2, 4 and 6, the breakdown of reported clinical incidents resulting in no harm, low harm, moderate harm, severe harm, and death for each clinician category mentioned above.

As above at Question 2.

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,



Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

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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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