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Date Received: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Response Due: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 19<sup>th</sup> January 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. How many amputations took place due to medical errors between January 2020- now? By 'medical errors' I refer to; Delayed treatment of an infection, Failure to recognise that the blood supply has been cut off to a limb, Poor management of peripheral neuropathy in diabetic patients, A surgeon operating on the wrong body part, Deep vein thrombosis (DVT) or a delay in diagnosis of a DVT, Incorrect treatment of fractures causing tissue damage, Negligently performed joint replacement surgery.**

The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, 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.

**Can this information be broken down by year, up to and include any data held for January 2024.**

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sanjay Arya', written over a horizontal line.

Sanjay Arya  
Medical Director

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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