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Date Received: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Response Due: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 23<sup>rd</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:

**I would be grateful if you could send me one dataset from your Trust, to inform this analysis:**

**(1) Drug Patient Level Contract Monitoring (DrPLCM) report**

**Data fields from the DrPLCM report, as specified in table 1 (below).**

**Please do not send patient IDs or cost data, as I appreciate this would compromise data privacy and commercial sensitivity.**

**An extract of records from this report for all hospitals in the Trust for the period between Apr 2022 and Dec 2023**

Name of "Data Element" from NHS Data Model and Dictionary for DrPLCM	Please include
FINANCIAL MONTH	Yes
FINANCIAL YEAR	Yes
ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (CODE OF PROVIDER)	Yes
ORGANISATION IDENTIFIER (CODE OF COMMISSIONER)	Yes

ACTIVITY TREATMENT FUNCTION CODE	Yes
THERAPEUTIC INDICATION CODE (SNOMED CT, OR ICD-10, OR TEXT DESCRIPTION)	Yes
DRUG NAME (HIGH-COST TARIFF EXCLUDED DRUG)	Yes
DISPENSING ROUTE (HIGH-COST TARIFF EXCLUDED DRUG)	Yes
NATIONAL CANCER DRUGS FORM CODE	Yes
<i>Count of rows</i>	<i>Yes, added, please suppress rows where count &lt;=5 and indicate in the output</i>

Please see attached.

The Trust cannot supply **Therapeutic indication code (snomed ct, or icd-10, or text description)** and **National cancer drugs form code** as these are not recorded centrally.

The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

- a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and
- b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

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

**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  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111