

Ref: FOI/2023/9488

Date Received: 29<sup>th</sup> December 23

Response Due: 30<sup>th</sup> January 24

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 29<sup>th</sup> December 23, 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 admissions related to drug overdose for year 2022?**

73

**2) How many admissions related to drug overdose from January to November 2023?**

49

**3) What are the most common drug overdose cases admitted in your hospital?**

Poisoning: 4-Aminophenol derivatives

**4) How many patients admitted for drug overdose received medical treatment at a ward level 2022?**

14

**5) How many patients admitted for drug overdose received medical treatment at a ward level Jan - Nov 2023?**

15

**6) How many patients admitted for drug overdose required admission to the intensive care unit for advanced medical intervention such as mechanical ventilation and continuous renal replacement therapy in 2022?**

\*\* Less than 5

**7) How many patients admitted for drug overdose required admission to the intensive care unit for advanced medical intervention such as mechanical ventilation and continuous renal replacement therapy in January - November 2023?**

\*\* Less than 5

**8) What is the average length of stay for those patients admitted for drug overdose in your intensive/critical care unit?**

3 Days

**9) What is the total number of deaths related to drug overdose in your hospital in 2022?**

\*\* Less than 5

**10) What is the total number of deaths related to drug overdose in your hospital Jan-Nov 2023?**

\*\* Less than 5

\*\* 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.

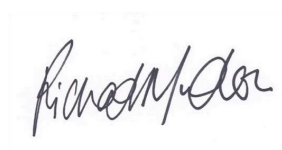
To disclose this information would:

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,



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Director of Strategy and Planning

**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.

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The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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