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Response Due: 20th August 2024

Date: 31st July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 23rd July 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:

For the period 1 January 2024 to 31 June 2024, please provide:

1. The number of women / birthing people diverted to other NHS trusts (please specify which) to give birth to their baby

Less than 5.

a) Please break down by reason for diversion, i.e. lack of staff

Please see exemption below.

2. The number of women / birthing people diverted to other hospitals within your NHS trust (different to the one they planned to give birth in) to give birth to their baby

N/A.

a) Again, please break down by reason for diversion

N/A.

The Trust is unable to breakdown the number of women / birthing people diverted to other NHS Trusts to give birth to their baby due to there being less than 5 patients. Disclosing the reasoning could make patients identifiable. Please see below.

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,



Handwritten signature of Kevin Parker-Evans in black ink, with the name 'PARKER-EVANS' printed below it.

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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, Wroughtington, 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