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Response Due: 5th July 2024

Date: 5th July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 5th June 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. The number of elective theatre sessions in 2023-24 that were the first session of the day (ie morning session).**
3,906
- 2. Of those first sessions in 2023-24, the number that started late (ie, where the trust has recorded a late start, or where the start time exceeded the scheduled start time by >15 minutes)**
2,035.

*In line with Model Hospital, any session that is more than 0 minutes passed the planned start time is recorded as a late start.

- 3. Please provide a breakdown of the reasons for the late starts detailed above, and the frequency of each reason. For example, if there were 100 late starts, please provide a breakdown of reasons and how often they occurred, so that they sum to that 100.**

Late Start Reason	Number of Late Starts
NULL	1939
Awaiting Surgeon	17
Patient Logistics	14
Equipment Issues	11
List Order changed/Additions/Cancellation	10

Ward Delay	8
Environment Issues	8
Anaesthetic complications	6
Checking Equipment/Loan kit	6
Patient having investigations/Images	5
Awaiting Theatre Staff	4
Awaiting Anaesthetist	3
Awaiting Radiographer	1
Bed Capacity	1
Extended complex Team Brief	1
No Critical care bed available	1
Total	2035

*NULL means that the reasoning for the late start was not recorded.

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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,



Claire Wannell
Director of Operations and Performance – Surgery Division

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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