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Response Due: 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 16<sup>th</sup> 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:

- Does your Hospital/Trust run a reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic (defined as a gynaecology clinic specifically for those looking to conceive or that may be impacted by infertility)**  
Yes.
- If no to question 1: How are referrals for infertility treated at your Hospital/Trust e.g referred to general gynaecology clinic, rejected, referred to an alternative provider**  
N/A.
- If yes to question 1: How many patients have been seen in this clinic for the last 3 years (please complete table below)**

Appointment Type	Apr 21 - Mar 22	Apr 22 - Mar 23	Apr 23 - Mar 24
New/Initial Consultation	996	1,227	1,392
Follow Up Consultation	6,669	5,599	5,508

4. If yes to question 1: How many patients have been on the waiting list for the last 3 years for New and Follow up consultations in the reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic?(please complete table below)

Number of patients on WL	Apr 21 - Mar 22	Apr 22 - Mar 23	Apr 23 - Mar 24
New/Initial Consultation	The Trust does not have a waiting list for New/Follow Up appointments.		
Follow Up Consultation			

5. If yes to question 1: How many patients are currently on the New Consultation waiting list for a reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic?

The Trust does not have a waiting list for New/Follow Up appointments.

6. If yes to question 1: How many patients are currently on the Follow Up Consultation waiting list for a reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic?

The Trust does not have a waiting list for New/Follow Up appointments.

7. If yes to question 1: What has been the average weeks wait for New and Follow Up consultations in the reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic for the last 3 years? (please complete table below)

Average no. of weeks wait	Apr 21 - Mar 22	Apr 22 - Mar 23	Apr 23 - Mar 24
New/Initial Consultation	2-4 weeks	3-5 weeks	2-4 weeks
Follow Up Consultation	2-4 weeks	3-5 weeks	2-4 weeks

8. If yes to question 1: What is the current average weeks wait for New and Follow Up consultations in the reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic

Currently 4-6 weeks due to reduced clinical support.

9. If yes to question 1: What is the longest wait time currently for a New and Follow Up consultations in the reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic

Currently 4-6 weeks due to reduced clinical support.

10. If yes to question 1: How many patients have been seen for a New or Follow Up consultation in the reproductive medicine or sub-fertility clinic in the last 3 years? (please complete table below)

Patients Seen	Apr 21 - Mar 22	Apr 22 - Mar 23	Apr 23 - Mar 24
New/Initial Consultation	996	1,227	1,392
Follow Up Consultation	6,669	5,599	5,508

11. If yes to questions 1: What are the names of the doctors providing this service

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12. If yes to question 1: What is the new to follow up ratio for this clinic for the past 3 years (please complete table below)

New to Follow Up Ratio	Apr 21 - Mar 22	Apr 22 - Mar 23	Apr 23 - Mar 24
New/Initial Consultation	This information is not centrally recorded. As Fertility is part of Gynaecology, the Trust would only be able to obtain the new to follow up ratio for Gynaecology as a whole.		

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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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  
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