

# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Date Received: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Response Due: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 20<sup>th</sup> May 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:

### Based on data from the last financial year:

**1. Please state what percentage of your total discharges from the Acute Medical Unit are discharged home/to usual place of residence without support.**

The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

**2. For those patients, what was the average length of stay in the Acute Medical Unit?**

The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, if recorded it would be held within individual case notes. As case notes are for the care and treatment of patients, we do not request staff to interrogate them in order to collate the information required to respond to Freedom of Information requests.

The average length of stay for the Acute Medical Unit is 2.49 days. This is not specific to those discharged home/to usual place of residence without support.

**3. Please state what percentage of all admitted patients from A&E waited more than 12 hours from decision to admit to actual admission (12hr+ trolley waits)**

This information is being withheld under Section 44 of the Freedom of Information act. Please see below.

**4. Please state what percentage of cancelled elective operations for non-clinical reasons were due to:**

- a. Unavailable ward beds**
- b. Unavailable surgeon**
- c. Unavailable anaesthetist**
- d. Unavailable theatre staff**

This information is being withheld under Section 44 of the Freedom of Information act. Please see below.

**Section 44 – Prohibitions on disclosure**

Section 44(1)(a) of the FOIA provides that information is exempt information if its disclosure is prohibited by or under any enactment. This is commonly known as a statutory bar to disclosure. It is an absolute exemption and so there is no public interest test to apply.

This information is exempt under section 44 of the FOIA because it is considered that due to the forthcoming local election, it could affect public support for a particular party. Should you wish to submit a new request for this information following the election, the council would be happy to consider this.

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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Divisional Director of Operations & Performance (Medicine)

**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  
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