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Response Due: 1st July 2024

Date: 21st June 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 3rd 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:

I would like to request the following information:

- 1. Do each of your maternity units which offer consultant-led births have two obstetric theatres available 24/7 with a full complement of staff available should the second theatre be needed? How long does it take to mobilise the second theatre and staff if it needed?**
No, The Trust has one Obstetric theatre.
- 2. If you don't have a second obstetric theatre, what arrangements are in place should you have two obstetric emergencies requiring theatres at the same time? What hours are covered by these arrangements?**
In the event a second theatre is required, then an emergency theatre is utilised. This is covered 24/7 with support team from the theatre coordinators and theatre staff.
- 3. If you don't have a second obstetric theatre, have you any plans to establish one? Has funding been obtained and how much?**
We do not at present have plans to open a second Obstetric theatre.
- 4. How long approximately does it take to transfer a woman from the labour ward to 1. Your normal obstetric theatre? 2. Whichever additional theatre would be used in the event of two emergencies at the same time?**
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.

5. Have you had any serious incidents/Datix (or other reporting system) reports in the last three years involving lack of timely access to fully staffed theatres in maternity emergencies?


Between 1st April 2021 and 31st March 2024, no incidents have been reported involving lack of timely access to fully staffed theatres in maternity emergencies.

6. Please attach any policies you have on maternity emergencies/escalation.

Please see attached.

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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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
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