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Response Due: 3rd April 2024

Date: 25th March 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 4th March 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:

Please can you provide data on the number of physician associates (PAs) currently working in your hospitals that are permitted to perform each of the below procedures.

- **Aterial line insertion**
- **Central line insertion**
- **Chest drain**
- **Intubation**
- **OesophagoGastroDuodenoscopy (OGD)**
- **Nerve blocks**
- **Pleural tap**
- **Surgical first assisting**
- **Ring blocks**
- **Iliofemoral block**
- **Nasogastric (NG) tube placement**
- **Ascitic drain**
- **Ascitic tap**
- **Joint aspiration**
- **Lumbar puncture**
- **Pleural aspiration**

Procedure	Number of PAs
Aterial line insertion	0
Central line insertion	0
Chest drain	0
Intubation	0
OesophagoGastroDuodenoscopy (OGD)	0
Nerve blocks	0
Pleural tap	0
Surgical first assisting	1
Ring blocks	0
Iliofemoral block	0
Nasogastric (NG) tube placement	1
Ascitic drain	0
Ascitic tap	0
Joint aspiration	0
Lumbar puncture	0
Pleural aspiration	0

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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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:

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