

Ref: FOI/2024/9763

Date Received: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Response Due: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024

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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 5<sup>th</sup> April 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 (a) number and (b) proportion of patients who were diagnosed or had cancer ruled out within 28 days of an urgent referral by their GP at your trust in March 2024.**

This data is currently being reviewed, when this has been completed the information will be published online at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/cancer-waiting-times/monthly-data-and-summaries/>

The data can be found by selecting '2023-24' on the Latest Statistics then downloading the required months file (latest provisional data is February 2024). This will open up the Waiting Times Targets, select '28-Day Faster Diagnosis – All Routes (Provider Data'. Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust' will be in the data.

- 2. The (a) number and (b) proportion of patients admitted, transferred, or discharged within four hours at your trust in March 2024.**

This data is available within the public domain at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/ae-waiting-times-and-activity/ae-attendances-and-emergency-admissions-2023-24/>

The data can be found by selecting the relevant month e.g., 'Monthly A&E March 2024', open the downloaded file and select the second tab within the spreadsheet 'Provider Level Data'. Scroll down to 'Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust'. The data will be on this row.

Therefore, this information is being refused under section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act.

**Information intended for future publication.**

(1) Information is exempt information if—

(a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),

(b) the information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and

(c) it is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a).

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  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111