

# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Response Due: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 19<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. **How long is it from when a GP refers a patient to respiratory (Dr Ashish) until the patient is seen by the consultant?**

	From Referral to First Attendance	
	Median Days	Longest Wait
<b>October 2023</b>	77	192 days
<b>November 2023</b>	106	185 days
<b>December 2023</b>	59	174 days
<b>January 2024</b>	69	147 days
<b>February 2024</b>	47	115 days
<b>March 2024</b>	49	83 days

2. **How many people are currently waiting to be seen by Dr Ashish team?**

28 x CAB Triaged patients and 65 x Manual Triaged patients inclusive of ILD (Interstitial Lung Disease).

There are over 800 patients on the ASI (Appointment Slot Issue) list so there may potentially be more ILD referrals on this list.

3. **How long is the waiting time from diagnosis until the patient is referred to Wythenshawe for antifibrotic drug treatment?**

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.

**4. How long is the waiting list to start Anti fibrotic drug treatment after being prescribed?**

The Trust is unable to provide an answer to this question as Wythenshawe prescribe the medications. Please redirect this question to Wythenshawe, contact details can be found below.

**5. How many people are diagnosed with PF in the borough?**

61 patients have Pulmonary Fibrosis as a Primary Diagnosis in Wigan Borough CCG for 2023/24.

**6. How many deaths from PF have there been annually.**

2019 = 14  
2020 = 16  
2021 = 22  
2022 = 21  
2023 = 18  
2024 to date = 6

**7. Is there an increase in suspected and diagnosed cases of PF post covid.**

No there is not an increase.

Please redirect Question 4 to Wythenshawe Hospital, contact details can be found below.

Wythenshawe Hospital

Requests for information

You can make a request for information in a variety of ways:

E-mail: [foi@mft.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@mft.nhs.uk)

Post:

FOI Team

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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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The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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