



# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

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Date Received: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Response Due: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 25<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:

**Please provide the total number of patients in which their treatment was coded as 'Pregnancy with abortive outcome' using one of the following ranges: O030-O39 Spontaneous abortion, O040-O049 Medical abortion, or O070-O079 Failed attempted abortion – I have included a full set of the required ICD-10 codes at the bottom of this request.**

**For each individual code, as noted below, I would like the totals for each twelve-months period from 01 January 2017 to 31 December 2023. My preference is the totals in each calendar year, Jan-Dec, but understand if you are only able to provide this in your chosen financial years, e.g., April – March, in which case from 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2024.**

**I would like to receive the data in an Excel format, if that is possible, please.**

Please see attached.

The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and

b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sanjay Arya', written over a horizontal line.

Sanjay Arya  
Medical Director

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, Wroughtington, 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  
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111