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Date Received: 31st October 2023

Response Due: 28th November 2023

Date: 23rd November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 31st October 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we partially hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. The total number of patients cared for during 12 months between 01/10/2022 and 01/10/2023:

- Emergency
- Day Case
- Elective
- Other
- Total

	2022			2023									Grand Total
Patient Category &	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	
POD													
NHS Patient	6750	6732	6156	6212	5881	6963	6245	7131	7166	7207	7037	6813	80293
Day Case	3079	3087	2473	2630	2684	3021	2565	3118	3164	3081	2925	2928	34755
Elective	581	523	503	381	502	551	435	530	512	582	517	492	6109
Non Elective	2562	2603	2706	2682	2322	2962	2776	2988	3054	3127	3098	2977	33857
Non Elective	528	519											
None			474	519	373	429	469	495	436	417	497	416	5572
Emergency													
Clinical	<5												<5
Trials													70
Day Case	<5												<5

Private Patient	49	58	50	42	55	60	61	53	64	64	73	72	701
Day Case	12	13	16	17	9	15	16	17	12	4	19	22	172
Elective	37	45	34	24	46	45	45	34	52	60	53	50	525
Non Elective				<5				<5			<5		<5
Amenity	<5												<5
Patient													\ 3
Day Case	<5												<5
Elective	<5												<5
Grand Total	6802	6790	6206	6254	5936	7023	6306	7184	7230	7271	7110	6885	80997

Refusal Notice: Sec 40(2) Personal Information

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).
- 2. Number of inpatients that developed bed sores, pressure sores or pressure ulcers for the twelve months between: 01/10/2022 and 01/10/2023.

193 pressure ulcers reported.

- 3. Total number of pressure sore incidents by grade, not number of patients, as some patients may develop more than one pressure ulcers between: 01/10/2022 and 01/10/2023
 - Grade 1
 - Grade 2
 - Grade 3
 - Grade 4

Community Acquired - Pressure Ulcer - Category	
1	64
Community Acquired - Pressure Ulcer - Category	
2	51
Community Acquired - Pressure Ulcer - Category	
3	10
Community Acquired - Pressure Ulcer - Category	
4	4
Hospital Acquired Pressure Ulcer - Category 1	41
Hospital Acquired Pressure Ulcer - Category 2	33
Hospital Acquired Pressure Ulcer - Category 3	1

4. The proportion of these pressure sores that were new, and had therefore occurred since.

The Trust is unable to supply this data. The trust would be required to go through each incident to determine if these are new pressure ulcers or pressure ulcers that have deteriorated whilst in our care. This would go beyond the legal time frame of 18 hours.

Refusal Notice for question(s) - The information that you have requested is exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act because it will take more than 18 hours to retrieve and extract the relevant information.

12. — (1) Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

5. The number of patients admitted from residential or nursing homes with pressure sores.

	2022			2023									Grand Total
No of Inpatient Admissions from a Nursing Home	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	
NHS Patient None Elective	18	22	37	28	28	24	18	20	21	29	23	16	284
Grand Total	18	22	37	28	28	24	18	20	21	29	23	16	284

6. The number of death certificates in this period on which pressure sores were mentioned.

The Trust do not hold this information.

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:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111