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Date: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

**The number of sewage leaks at NHS hospitals in England reported over the last 12 months.**

**I would like this data to be presented in an Excel or PDF spreadsheet with a new sheet for each year and a section on each point of information.**

**If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.**

**If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.**

Please see attached a spreadsheet with the required information.

“Sewage leaks” has been taken as a situation where drainage systems didn’t work as intended – i.e., blockages.

In some cases, waste would have backed up into WCs, Sinks and Showers (and in some cases may have spilled over) – however that may not have necessarily been the case for all the incidents recorded, our records do not hold that level of detail.

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 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Kelly Knowles  
Acting Chief Finance Officer

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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  
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