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Response Due: 27th January 2023

Date: 2nd February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

Specifically, I would like to know the following:

1. What protocols and guidelines are in place for anonymising medical images?

Images are transferred using the Image Exchange Protocol. No other methods of transferring images are permitted. We do not have any specific protocols within radiology.

2. How are these protocols and guidelines applied for research?

IEP is the standard method of transferring medical images securely.

3. What training and support is provided to staff who are responsible for anonymising medical images?

We can confirm that all Trust staff are required to complete mandatory Information Governance training annually.

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,



Hazel Hendriksen
Divisional Director of Operations for Specialist Services

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:

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