

Ref: FOI/2024/10307

Date Received: 19th November 2024

Response Due: 17th December 2024

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Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 19th November 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do not hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I'd like to request the number of procedures performed in 2023 at the Trust for the codes below, ideally per individual site.

1. TRUS guided biopsy

- OPCS code : M70.3
- SNOMED CT codes: 431605004, 241487002

2. Trans perineal biopsy

- OPCS code: M70.2
- SNOMED CT code: 265593007

Previously, Trans rectal ultrasound guided biopsies were carried out with a trans rectal biopsy needle attached to the probe, which would be referred to as TRUS biopsies. Trans perineal biopsies are carried out with a needle through the perineum but are still completed with guidance from an ultrasound probe within the rectum to see the needle, therefore are TP biopsies but are also still TRUS guided.

Therefore, due to the recording of these procedures this information is not centrally recorded, 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.

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, 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