

Ref: FOI/2024/10310

Date Received: 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Response Due: 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 20<sup>th</sup> November 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:

**I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please:**

- 1. How many male substantive consultant anaesthetists employed in your organisation?**  
34.
- 2. How many female substantive consultant anaesthetists employed in your organisation?**  
10.
- 3. Do you have a 'Lead Consultant/Clinical Lead for Regional Anaesthesia'?**  
Yes.
  - a. What is their gender?**  
This information is being withheld under Section 40 of the FOI Act. Please see below.
- 4. Do you have a 'Lead Consultant/Clinical Lead for Obstetric Anaesthesia'?**  
Yes.
  - a. What is their gender?**  
This information is being withheld under Section 40 of the FOI Act. Please see below.
- 5. Do you have a 'Departmental Lead for Anaesthesia' or equivalent role?**  
Yes, x3 Clinical Directors.

**a. What is their gender?**

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Section 40(2) is an 'absolute' exemption, and the Trust is not obliged to consider whether the public interest favours disclosing the information.

Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of the information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the data protection principles in Article 5 of the UK GDPR. In this case, I believe disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle, which provides that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully.

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,



Juliette Tait  
Chief People Officer

**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