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Response Due: 18th December 2024

Date: 13th December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 20th 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:

Please provide the following data on potent synthetic opioids, in particular fentanyl and nitazene, for the period between January 1st, 2019 to the current date, broken down by calendar year.

Please send me:

- 1. The total number of deaths where nitazenes and fentanyl were identified or suspected from January 1st, 2019 to the current date. Please break down the data by calendar year.**
There are 0 deaths reported on the Trust's incident reporting system which mention fentanyl or nitazenes in the recorded description.
- 2. Any data on reported overdoses and hospitalisations where nitazenes and fentanyl were identified or suspected from January 1st, 2019 to the current date. Please break down the data by calendar year.**
There are 0 incident reports on the Trusts incident reporting system which documents a hospitalisation due to nitazenes or fentanyl.
- 3. Provide the number of cases in which nitazenes and fentanyl were recorded in toxicology reports for patients attending healthcare facilities between January 1st, 2019 to the current date.**
The Trust is unable to provide this data as it is not recorded centrally, 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.

4. Please provide copies of any reports, surveys, or risk assessments on nitazenes conducted by or shared with your health authority during January 1st, 2019 to the current date.

There is no local work on nitazenes other than centrally published documents, such as the ACMD advice, available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/acmd-advice-on-2-benzyl-benzimidazole-and-piperidine-benzimidazolone-opioids>

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,



Gary Masterman
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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
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