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Date Received: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2024

Response Due: 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Date: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 21<sup>st</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:

**1. Has your trust offered key worker accommodation historically?**

Yes.

**a. If your trust has offered this historically, and you don't currently, why do you no longer provide it?**

N/A.

**b. If your trust has offered this historically, what happened to the accommodation you did have?**

N/A.

**2. Please specify the number of all key worker properties (i.e. through intermediate rented properties, shared ownership or FTBI) provided for NHS workers over the past five years by your trust.**

There are 7 properties provided for key workers.

**3. Please specify the number of agreements with property developers your trust has made to secure key worker accommodation over the past five years.**

0.

**4. Please specify whether any properties designated for key worker accommodation have then been sold or rented on the private market – i.e. to people other than NHS key worker staff in the past five years by your trust.**

0.

5. **If properties designated for key worker accommodation have been sold/rented on private market by your trust, please outline how many in the past five years.**  
0.
6. **If properties designated for key worker accommodation have been sold/rented on private market by your trust and have been secured through property developer deals (as in point 2), please specify how many in the past five years.**  
0.
7. **If properties designated for key worker accommodation have been sold/rented on private market by your trust, please outline why**  
0.
8. **Please outline how many key workers are currently waiting for key worker accommodation at your trust.**  
<5.

The Trust has a standard procedure of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

To disclose this information would:

- a) Contravene the Data Protection Act principles in that it would amount to unfair and possibly unlawful processing, as there was a legitimate expectation by the third parties that this information would remain confidential, and
- b) Disclosure may cause damage or distress to the individual(s) involved, and that damage or distress would be unwarranted (section 10 of the DPA).

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,



Tabitha Gardner  
Chief Finance 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