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Date Received: 18th December 2024

Response Due: 20th January 2025

Date: 31st December 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 18th December 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:

Please can you provide me with all data from January 2013 to the present relating to adverse outcomes from circumcision of infant boys (aged 0-1) whether at hospital or off-site.

This data to include as a minimum the total number of infant circumcisions performed within the trust's catchment area, all attendances to the Emergency Department and/or admissions to paediatric or general Intensive Care Unit as a result of circumcision, including but not limited to death, coma, life threatening haemorrhage, shock, sepsis, amputation etc.

Data should also include any adverse outcomes which are not life threatening but are unintended consequences including but not limited to partial degloving, partial amputation, damage to the scrotum/groin/surrounding tissues, nerve damage, penile adhesions etc.

This data should further be broken down by year, by hospital/GP/other medical institution and whether the operation was performed in-house or off-site/in a private location.

The Trust is unable to provide this information as the coding for circumcision applies to all ages, we do not have any specific codes that relate to complications of circumcisions, or does our coding apply to patients who only attend A&E.

Therefore, 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.

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 'Garry Harris', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Garry Harris
Deputy Director Digital & Chief Technology 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