



# Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

NHS Foundation Trust

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Date Received: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Response Due: 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 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:

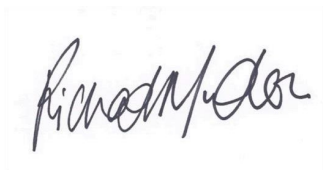
- 1. The number of deaths recorded at your trust in the year 2023 where vaping was a cause or contributor.**
- 2. Please provide the ages of each person deceased, or the age range.**
- 3. Please provide the same information for the year 2022.**

Whilst the Trust does record the cause of death, information surrounding deaths where vaping was a cause or contributor is not specifically coded. The Trust has an ICD10 code for U07.0: Vaping-related Disorders, however an inpatient admission with this as part of the diagnosis will not have necessarily died of this issue. For example, it may have been a hip fracture patient who died of pneumonia.

The Trust conducts a death audit every week however each individual case is looked at individually and we do not request staff to interrogate patient records in order to answer Freedom of Information requests, therefore this information is not available.

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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Richard Mondon', is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Richard Mondon  
Deputy Chief Executive

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  
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111