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Date Received: 14th January 2025

Response Due: 11th February 2025

Date: 14th January 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 14th January 2025, 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 under the Freedom of Information Act details on ransomware attacks on your organisation between 2019 and 2024.

For the avoidance of doubt, a ransomware attack is a type of cyberattack which prevents an organisation accessing their own files or computer networks after criminals manage to infect the system with malware. These types of attacks involve the criminals demanding payment for a key to restore access to the files.

1. In particular, I would like to know the number of ransomware attacks on your organisation between 2019 and 2024.

The Trust has had no attacks over the past 5 years.

2. I would like to know the number of successful attacks on your system.

N/A.

3. I would also like to know the cost of these attacks on your organisation, including the amount of ransom or payments made to restore access to your systems.

N/A.

I would appreciate it if you could break down the figures for each year.

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
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111