

Ref: FOI/2025/10545

Date Received: 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Response Due: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 19th February 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'm requiring statistics for patients who attended A&E with a primary diagnosis of a urinary tract infection between 2022 and 2024 who had a urinary catheter in place.**

Year	A&E Attendances
2022	0
2023	<5
2024	0

\*Please note: the above answer has been based on a number of search factors within our reporting systems. The Trusts presenting complaint is a free text field, and a search has been undertaken based on the following criteria.

Criteria: Where primary diagnosis is "Lower/Upper Urinary Tract Infectious Disease", "Urinary Tract Infection" or "UTI" and the presenting complaint is "Cath" and therefore it may not capture all patients attending the A&E department.

The table below details all UTI A&E attendances during the requested period:

Year	All UTI A&E Attendances
2022	2165
2023	1837
2024	1717

Criteria: Where primary diagnosis is “Lower/Upper Urinary Tract Infectious Disease”, “Urinary Tract Infection” or “UTI”.

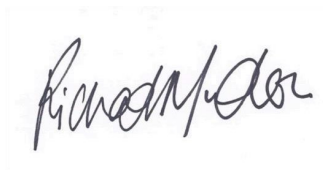
The Trust has a standard procedure of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

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,



Richard Mundon  
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  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline number: 0303 123 111