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Response Due: 4th November 2024

Date: 4th November 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 7th October 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold part of the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Specifically, I would like to obtain data related to incidents recorded using the following terms (from the ICD-11 for Mortality and Morbidity Statistics 2024-01) for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024, including the month of the incident and, if possible, the age of the individuals involved:

- 1. XE3WL Explosive material or flammable object, not elsewhere classified - XE6KQ Fireworks**
- 2. PH75.1 - XE3WL Explosive material or flammable object, not elsewhere classified - XE6KQ Fireworks**
- 3. PB55.1 Unintentional exposure to explosion or rupture of pressurised materials or object - XE3WL Explosive material or flammable object, not elsewhere classified - XE6KQ Fireworks**

The Trust has not yet moved to ICD-11, therefore no data can be provided for questions 1 to 3.

If the above criteria are not available or usable, could you please provide the number of incidents recorded in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 that include any of the following keywords:

- "fireworks"
- "firework"
- "sparkler"
- Any related terms
- "Bonfire"

If possible, please include the month and the age of the individuals involved in these incidents.

2021 = 0.
2022 = <5.
2023 = <5.
2024 = <5.
2025 = 0.

Please note that the months and ages of the patients are being withheld under section 40(2) (personal information) of the Act. This is because releasing the breakdown would make individual patients identifiable.

Section 40(2) is an 'absolute' exemption and the Trust is not obliged to consider whether the public interest favours disclosing the information.

Section 40(2) exempts personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of the information would, amongst other things, contravene one of the data protection principles in Article 5 of the UK GDPR. In this case, I believe disclosure would contravene the first data protection principle, which provides that personal data must be processed fairly and lawfully.

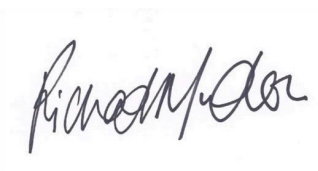
The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

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
Director of Strategy and Planning

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