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Date Received: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Response Due: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

**Please disclose, preferably by PDF if the Trust is using an attachment, the mortality rate for hospital-acquired Covid-19 at the Trust or the number of people who may have acquired Covid-19 whilst in hospital for another reason and the number of them who subsequently died - please let me have figures for the past year, since March 2022 or any other recent period for which they are obtainable and if possible can you also provide breakdowns of the hospital acquired numbers and the number of deaths in various age groups.**

I am particularly interested here in older people and in children.

If you can provide cases and deaths for under 5s as well as ages 5-15 or 16 or 17, that will be fine, otherwise the figures for under 16s or under 18s. In relation to older people, please provide a breakdown by groups of approximately 10 year spans and the last group to cover all over 90s, or over 80s, or over 70s. Therefore, could be 50-59, 60-69, 70-79 and over 80s. (Or 50-59, 60-69, over 70s.) If unobtainable this way, could be over 60s or over 50s.

Please find answers on attached spreadsheet.

## **Refusal Notice: Sec 40(2) Personal Information**

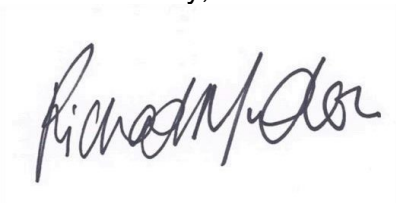
The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Mundon', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

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.

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The Information Commissioner's Office  
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