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Response Due: 6th September 2023

Date: 29th August 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

could you please provide me with the following information relating to the drug overdose admissions in your hospital for year 2022 and from January to July 2023.

1. The name of your Trust?

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh Teaching Hospitals

2. How many admissions related to drug overdose for year 2022 and from January to July 2023?

Year	Admissions
2022	287
2023	135

3. What are the most common drug overdose cases admitted in your hospital?

The Trust does not currently retain the information at the level required to fulfil this part of the request.

4. How many patients admitted for drug overdose received medical treatment at a ward level?

All patients admitted are treated at ward level.

5. How many patients admitted for drug overdose required admission to the intensive care unit for advanced medical intervention such as mechanical ventilation and continuous renal replacement therapy?

Year	ICU Admissions
2022	10
2023	7

6. What is the average length of stay for those patients admitted for drug overdose in your ITU?

Year	ICU Average Length of Stay (Days)
2022	3.1
2023	3.4

7. What is the total number of deaths related to drug overdose in your hospital?

2022 – <5 patients

2023 – <5 patients

Please note the Trust cannot guarantee that this is the total number as there are some awaited results from external labs. The results above show the already confirmed cases.

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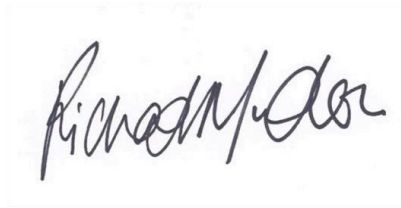
The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

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 enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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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