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Date Received: 10th July 2023

Response Due: 7th August 2023

Date: 19th July 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

I would like to request the following information please, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1a) The total number of heart attacks per year for the 4 years 2019-2022 inclusive.

2019 - 400

2020 – 452

2021 – 472

2022 – 477

1b) The total number of strokes per year for the 4 years 2019-2022 inclusive.

2019 – 356

2020 – 321

2021 – 386

2022 – 330

1c) The total number of TIA's per year for the 4 years 2019-2022 inclusive

2019 – 103

2020 – 134

2021 – 164

2022 – 94

2a) The total number of heart attacks with hypercalcaemia per year for the 4 years 2019-2022 inclusive

2019 – <5

2020 – <5

2021 – <5

2022 – <5

2b) The total number of strokes with hypercalcaemia per year, for the 4 years 2019-2022 inclusive

2019 – 5

2020 – 5

2021 – 6

2022 – <5

2c) The total number of TIA's with hypercalcaemia per year. For the 4 years 2019-2022 inclusive

2019 – 0

2020 – 0

2021 – <5

2022 – <5

3a) The number of fatalities resulting directly from each of the above per year.

Heart Attack

2019 – 38

2020 – 35

2021 – 31

2022 – 25

Stroke

2019 – 45

2020 – 46

2021 – 40

2022 – 45

TIA

2019 – 0

2020 – 0

2021 – 0

2022 – <5

Heart attacks with hypercalcaemia

2019 – 0

2020 – 0

2021 – 0

2022 – 0

Strokes with hypercalcaemia

2019 – 0

2020 – <5

2021 – 0

2022 – <5

TIA's with hypercalcaemia

2019 – 0

2020 – 0

2021 – 0

2022 – 0

Refusal Notice: Sec 40(2) Personal Information

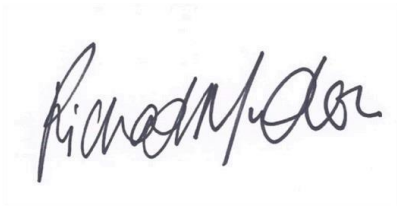
The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

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 grey 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.

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
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