

Ref: FOI/2023/8845

Date Received: 21st April 2023

Response Due: 23rd May 2023

Date: 5th May 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

The number of cancelled, delayed or missed appointments at your Trust as a result of British Medical Association strikes w/c 11th – 15th April, broken down by

1. Type of appointment, e.g. checkup, treatment, surgery

2. Type of care the appointment/surgery was required for, e.g. cancer – please specify which department too

The trust doesn't record data in the way requested. Please find below the number of inpatient and outpatient appointment Cancellations Due to all Industrial Action broken down into speciality.

Outpatients Appointments

Specialty	New	Follow Up
Cardiology	<5	27
Cardiothoracic Surgery	<5	<5
Chemical Pathology	<5	10
Colorectal Surgery	6	27
Elderly Medicine	26	23
Endocrinology and Metabolic Medicine	<5	27
ENT	9	<5
Gastroenterology	12	20

General Medicine	13	7
General Surgery	5	11
Gynaecology	11	42
Neurosurgery	<5	8
Oral Surgery	-	6
Paediatric Trauma And Orthopaedics	-	<5
Paediatrics	<5	<5
Plastic Surgery	10	13
Rheumatology	6	41
Thoracic Medicine	11	71
Trauma & Orthopaedics	12	318
Urology	<5	59
Vascular Surgery	7	33
Grand Total	144	755

Inpatient Appointments

Specialty	Total
Colorectal Surgery	<5
ENT	<5
Gastroenterology	12
General Surgery	<5
Plastic Surgery	15
Trauma & Orthopaedics	91
Urology	<5
Vascular Surgery	<5
Grand Total	132

Refusal Notice: Sec 40(2) Personal Information

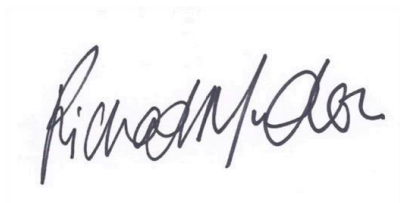
The Trust has a policy of not releasing information when the data involved is less than 5. This is because we feel that such low numbers could make the individuals involved identifiable and therefore may cause undue harm and distress.

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.

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
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