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Response Due: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that do not hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**How many patients has your trust treated for scurvy in each of the years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023**

If scurvy is the primary diagnosis of the patient, we can confirm that this has been treated. Those patients whose primary diagnosis was not scurvy may have been treated concurrently or may have been recorded as a pre-existing co-morbidity.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Scurvy as a primary diagnosis	0	0	0	0	0
Scurvy identified as an additional diagnosis	0	<5	<5	<5	<5

**How many patients has your trust treated for rickets in each of the years a) 2019, b) 2020, c) 2021, d) 2022, e) 2023**

If rickets is the primary diagnosis of the patient, we can confirm that this has been treated. Those patients whose primary diagnosis was not rickets may have been treated concurrently or may have been recorded as a pre-existing co-morbidity.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Rickets as a Primary diagnosis	0	0	0	<5	0
Rickets identified as an additional diagnosis	0	0	<5	<5	<5

**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.

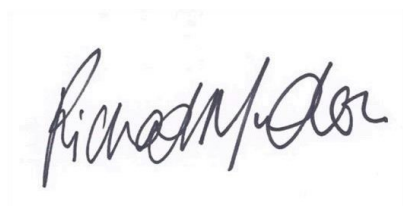
To disclose this information would:

- 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

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,



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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  
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