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Date: 19/09/23
Subject: FOI Requests

REQUEST

1. Please provide the total number of Freedom of Information (FOI) requests received by your organisation between 1st August 2022 and 1st August 2023.
2. Please provide details of your organisation's annual turnover.
3. If applicable, please provide the number of whole-time equivalent (WTE) staff and their grades who support the administration of FOI requests.

RESPONSE

Please note that St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such, some historical information may refer to these previous Trusts.

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Section 21: information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means

Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust do not have to provide information to the applicant which is easily accessible by other means. The information you require can be found below, with supporting web links:

[Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust STHK | Annual Report and Accounts \(merseywestlancs.nhs.uk\)](https://www.merseywestlancs.nhs.uk/annual-report-and-accounts)

[Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust Southport and Ormskirk | Publications \(merseywestlancs.nhs.uk\)](https://www.merseywestlancs.nhs.uk/publications)

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The Trust has a Freedom of Information Officer (Band 4, 1 WTE) who is responsible solely for the administration of FOI requests. Additionally, members of the Trust's Information Governance Department support the administration of FOI requests, this includes:

- Information Governance Officers (Band 5) providing cover for the Freedom of Information Officer during periods of absence.
- Senior Information Governance Officers (Band 6) providing oversight of all responses and applying exemptions, where applicable.