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We are responding to your request for information received 14th April 2026. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We are now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact us on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

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Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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Request:

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, relating to the management of Patient Group Directions (PGDs) within your organisation.

Question 1: Does your organisation currently use Patient Group Directions (PGDs) to authorise the supply or administration of medicines by registered healthcare professionals?

Answer: Yes

Question 2: Indicate in the table below approximately how many active, approved PGDs your organisation currently holds?

Answer:

Number Range	Indicate with a cross
<20	x
20-50	
50-100	
100-300	
>300	

Question 3: If known, how many registered healthcare professionals are currently authorised to work under one or more PGDs within your organisation? Please indicate if this information is not held centrally.

Answer: Not known

Question 4: What system or process does your organisation currently use to manage PGD governance?
a. Paper-based documentation and manual registers
b. Generic document management software (e.g. SharePoint, shared network drives)
c. A dedicated PGD management software system — if so, please name the system
d. Other — please describe

Answer: Generic document management in accordance with organisational policy

Question 5: Please provide the name, job title, and email address of the individual responsible for PGD governance within your organisation. If this is not held centrally, please indicate who would be the most appropriate contact.

Answer: Stuart Banham, Chief Pharmacist, stuart.banham@nhs.net

Question 6: In the last 12 months, have any PGDs within your organisation expired without a completed review and reauthorisation in place? If so, approximately how many?

Answer: None



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