

Request

1. How many pieces of artwork (valued over £200) does the council own?
 - Of these, which pieces are on public display?
2. What is the total value of the artwork owned by the council?
3. What is the value of the pieces of artwork on public display (please detail the artist and name of any pieces worth over £10,000)?

Response

The total museum collection comprises 35,000 objects which includes over 4,000 paintings, prints, sketches, musical instruments, decorative arts, pewter and glass items, coins and jewellery (pieces of art).

Approximately 150 artworks are on public display at: The Museum of Wigan Life, Wigan Town Hall, Wigan Library, Leigh Library & Turnpike Gallery, Wigan Youth Zone. This changes year on year, depending on displays.

The overall insurance valuation of the museum collection is £6,585,373, including civic regalia. It is not possible to calculate the value of the individual 4,000 artworks within the FOI time limit.

The insurance value for the pieces on physical display are £618,280. This does not include the pieces that can be accessed online via the Art UK website. There are two pieces on public display worth more than £10,000.