

FOI REF: 21/165

04<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- 1. How many dedicated wte Diabetes Inpatient Specialist Nurses do you have in our Trust?**

13.21 WTE

- 2. Of these, how many were redeployed due to the COVID 19 pandemic?**

- 1. First wave-** 4.0 WTE / 4 headcount

- 2. Second wave-** 0 WTE

- 3. Do you have any provisions in your Trust for mental health and well-being?**

The Trust uses an Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) offering in the moment support for staff and ongoing therapy where indicated. We also signpost staff to and promote external sources of support i.e. Staff in Mind, Bereavement line. As a result of COVID we have developed a psychological wellbeing package which includes the implementation of TRIM across the Trust, psychological support for teams and referral for individual staff members for Trauma therapy, provided by Trauma therapists working with the Trust.

- 4. If yes, which service?**

Care First is the EAP – see details above.

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5. **Has any of the DISN been referred or self-referred to the mental health and well-being services?**

We do not have this information as Care First do not record to this level of detail the staff who access the service, nor does Staff in Mind.

6. **If yes, how many?**

Please see response above.

7. **How many acute beds do you have in your Trust (excluding maternity and paediatrics)?**

The Trust's bed numbers are published on NHS England's website and can be accessed via the link below:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/bed-availability-and-occupancy/bed-data-day-only>

8. **Have all the Diabetes Inpatient Specialist Nurses been COVID risk assessed?**

Yes, as at 6th April 2021.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to Lynette Wells, Director of Corporate Affairs, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust ([lynette.wells2@nhs.net](mailto:lynette.wells2@nhs.net)) quoting the above reference.

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