

FOI REF: 21/545

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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:

Please note the questionnaire refers only to day patient chemotherapy units treating ADULTS with cancer. Please exclude answers for any units only treating children or non-cancer conditions.

1) Does your trust host one or more day patient chemotherapy unit (s)?

Yes.

If No, please return the questionnaire at this stage – no further questions need to be answered.

If Yes, how many day patient chemotherapy units does your trust host, and on how many sites?

- i) Number of day patient chemotherapy units = 2.**
- ii) Number of different hospital sites within the trust that provide day patient chemotherapy =**

2 Sites **Judy Beard Unit - Conquest Hospital**
Pevensey Day Unit - Eastbourne District General Hospital (EDGH)

For each separate chemotherapy unit (service), please answer the following questions about the CURRENT situation at your Trust:

2. For each chemotherapy unit please indicate the following:

Question	Response <i>(Insert Unit Name Here)</i>																											
a) Is it a static or mobile unit? <i>(delete as appropriate)</i>	Judy Beard Unit - Conquest Static																											
b) How many treatment chairs are there in the unit? <i>(insert number)</i>	16 chairs / 1 bed																											
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<p>i) How many SACT attendances were attended in the 12 month period to 31st August 2021 (maximum one attendance per day excluding attendances for oral chemo alone)</p>	<p>Judy Beard Unit - Conquest</p> <p>Conquest - 3564</p> <p>Please note the above includes all ward attenders and includes SACT patients attending for treatment, supportive treatments and non-cancerous haematological conditions. To provide this data we would need to look at each record which would take more than 18 hours.</p> <p>Section 12(1) applied, see below.</p>	
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3. For each chemotherapy unit, how many Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) members of staff are currently employed SPECIFICALLY in the chemotherapy unit in the following roles (please exclude any vacant positions from the number of WTE but include the number in vacancies column)?

Staff type	Band	Number of WTE (insert number below)	Vacancies (insert number below)
Registered nursing	5	8.28	0
	6	2.88	0
	7	1	0
	8a – 8d	0	-
	Nurse consultant	0	-
	Other	0	-
Registered nursing associate	4	0	0
Clinical support staff	2	0	0
	3	-	-
	4	-	-
	Other	2.56	0
Medical staff	Consultant	0	0
	Registrar	0	0
	Junior	0	0
	Other	0	0
Operational management (non-nursing) (please describe)		0	0
Administration support (e.g. receptionist, scheduling) (please describe)	Band	Number of WTE (insert number below)	Vacancies (insert number below)
	2	1.56	0
	3	0	0
	4	0	0
	5	0	0
Pharmacist (please describe)		-	-
Non-clinical support staff (please describe)		0	0
Other (please describe)		0	0
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	7	1	-
	8a – 8d	0	-
	Nurse consultant	0	-
	Other		-
Registered nursing associate	4	0	-
Clinical support staff	2	0	-
	3	2	-
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Operational management (non-nursing) (please describe)		-	-
Administration support (e.g. receptionist, scheduling) (please describe)	Band	Number of WTE (insert number below)	Vacancies (insert number below)
	2	1.6	
	3	-	-
	4	-	-
	5	-	-
Pharmacist (please describe)		-	-
Non-clinical support staff (please describe)		-	-
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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 the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

Linda Thornhill (Mrs)
Corporate Governance Manager
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