

FOI REF: 23/208

24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

## 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 permanent Cardiac Physiologists/Cardiac Healthcare Scientists do you have?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust have 31.52 whole time equivalent (wte) contracted cardiac physiologists.

- 2. Within this number how many are BSE accredited and perform echocardiograms?**

The Trust have 12 BSE accredited echocardiographers.

- 3. Do you have any permanent staff that are purely echocardiographers? If so, how many?**

Of those 7 are purely echocardiographers.

- 4. What agenda for change band are your permanent experienced BSE accredited staff on?**

The Trust's permanent experienced Echocardiographers are all band 7.

- 5. What permanent staff structure do you have within your Cardiology diagnostics team?**

Our structure is an 8b manager, 2 8a specialist leads, band 7 and band 6 physiologists, students, a band 4 cardiac physiology practitioner and band 3/2 cardiac physiology assistants.

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**6. What band is the overseeing manager of Cardiology diagnostics?**

The cardiac physiology manager is band 8b.

**a. What band is their deputy?**

Not applicable as there is no deputy.

**7. What band is the head of echo if there is one?**

The head of Echo is band 8a.

**8. What band is the head of pacing devices if there is one?**

The head of pacing/devices is band 8a.

**9. What band is the head of non-invasive/Cath lab if there is one?**

The Trust do not have a head of non-invasive.

Cathlab is managed by the pacing/devices lead at band 8a

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, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department ([esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net)), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

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