

FOI REF: 24/033

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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:

- 1) **The number of planned hours (anticipated or scheduled work hours allocated) and actual hours (real or recorded work hours completed) for Junior Doctors' (referring to: FY1, FY2, Specialty Trainees, Specialty Registrars, GP Specialty Trainees, Senior House Officers) day and night shifts.**
- 2) **The proportion (expressed as a %) of total Junior Doctor shifts that did not meet planned staffing levels.**
- 3) **The number of planned hours (anticipated or scheduled work hours allocated) and actual hours (real or recorded work hours completed) for Registered Nurses' day and night shifts.**
- 4) **The proportion (expressed as a %) of total Registered Nurse shifts that did not meet planned staffing levels.**

Please could you kindly fill out your responses in the attached Excel spreadsheet where you will find the month, financial year and specialty which we would like the information for.

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not centrally record the information requested above for the period 2018/19 to 2023/24. To enable the Trust to provide this information would require a manual review of our systems which we estimate would take in excess of 18 hours. We are therefore applying Section 12(1) to this part of your request.

Section 12(1) of the Act allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of compliance would exceed the 'appropriate limit', as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (the Regulations). These state that this cost limit is £450 for public authorities which are not part of central government or the armed forces. The costs are calculated at £25 per hour per person regardless of the rate of pay, which means that the limit will be exceeded if the work involved would exceed 18 hours. The Trust estimates that the cost of complying with this request would significantly exceed the above limit.

However, we would be able to confirm Nursing information only, for the last two years, planned verses actual. Please resubmit your request if you require this information.

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), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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