



East Sussex Healthcare
NHS Trust

Eastbourne District General Hospital

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FOI REF: 25/169

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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 detailed within the attached document - "FOI 25-169 Request(v2)" and please note the following:

We are unable to provide the contact details of staff as we consider this information to be exempt from release in accordance with section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act (Prohibition on disclosure) and would refer to the Privacy and Electronic Communications EC Directive Regulations 2003 which provide specific rules on electronic communication services, including marketing (by phone, fax, email or text) and keeping communications services secure. We will not provide any information that could result in the transmission of unsolicited communications which may place an unacceptable risk to our email network and could also have a detrimental impact on patient care and treatment.

The contact number for the Trust are accessible on the Trust website <http://www.esht.nhs.uk>.

This is an absolute exemption and there is, therefore, no requirement to consider the public interest.

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.

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Wilmslow
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information	
Trust:	East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust
Site/Hospital:	Conquest Hospital
Name:	Various Departments
Email:	Section 44 applied, please see letter.
Service:	Outreach/ Physiotherapy <i>(Please delete as appropriate)</i>

Hospital Setting												
How many inpatient beds does your hospital have	What specific Adult services (please list)	Does your trust include paediatric and neonate inpatient services?	If yes, which specific paediatric and neonate services (Please list)	How many inpatient beds do respiratory staff cover	Please list the speciality wards that respiratory staff cover	Does your hospital have a critical care unit	If yes, how many beds	Does your hospital have a high dependency unit outside of critical care	If yes, how many beds	Does your hospital have a dedicated critical care therapy team	Does your hospital have a critical care out reach team	Which professions make up the critical care out reach team
439	Section 21 applied, please refer to letter.	Yes	General paediatrics and Special Care baby Unit – Level 1	Officially bed base: 56, however with outliers and escalation areas this can be up to 60+	Westham and Baird	Y	6	Y	5	Y	Y	Nursing Colleagues

Staffing					
Please state your core inpatient staffing hours	Please outline your current qualified respiratory staffing structure (including vacancies) -				
	Respiratory Speciality	Adult or Paediatrics	Band	Whole Time Equivalent (wte) or Full Time Equivalent (fte)	Head Count
	Medical	Adult	5	15.07	16
	Medical	Adult	6	4.07	5
	Medical	Adult	7	4.83	6

On-call												
Does your trust offer an on-call service to acutely unwell/ deteriorating patients	What time does your oncall service start from?	How many physiotherapists are on the on-call rota	How frequent are the on-call shifts for one individual (approximately)	Do any other professions provide an on-call service for respiratory patients, if Yes please state which professions	Does the service include Paediatrics and/or Neonates	Does your hospital provide an on-call room for overnight stay	Do you have an on-call criteria	Are there any exceptions to who can be on the on-call rota (i.e static MSK) If Yes please state	Does your policy include mandatory compensatory rest time	If no, how is compensatory rest decided/agreed.	What is the required response time if called? i.e within 45 minutes	
Y	1630-2200 Mon-Fri 0830-2200 Weekends and Bank Holidays	23	1 weekend day and 1 weekday on-call per month	Outreach N/S team	Y	N	Y	Static MSK	Y	Not applicable	45 minutes	

Outcome measures				
Do you collect outcome measures/monitoring information for your oncall service	If Yes, what outcome measures do you collect	How many call outs between June 2023-June 2024	If you have an on-call criteria, how many call outs met the criteria between June 23- June 24	How many hours were delivered for the on-call service between June 23- June 24
Y	Number of contacts and time spent with patients	52	Not recorded	114.25 hours

Training and Support					
Do you offer an on-call induction programme for new staff on the on-call rota	Do you offer training for on-call staff	If yes, please complete the following boxes.			
Y	Y	Frequency	Delivery (In person, virtual, workbook)	Who delivers the training	Structure (Please use this box to include any details such as SIM training, case studies, review of adjuncts etc)
		x2, 3 hour sessions every 6 months for staff already on the rota. New staff receive a 9 day induction programme, including minimum 4 inservice sessions	In person	Team Leads, including senior clinicians as and when required	x4 inservice training sessions as minimum 9 day induction for new starters, SIM training as available; new starters to weekend rota join as 2nd on-call, working alongside more experienced clinician for at least 4 weekend on-call shifts before progressing to 1st on-calls. 6 monthly refresher training is tailored to staff requests following previous feedback sessions and involves case studies, SIM suite, adjuncts eg cough assist and paediatric sim specific scenario.

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