

FOI REF: 25/437

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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. **How many peer workers/peer mentors or similar roles does your Trust employ?**

Clarification was sought with regard to your definition of 'peer worker' and confirmation was received as follows:

The request is in relation to "Peer Support Workers" as outlined on the NHSE website ([Peer support workers | NHS England | Workforce, training and education](#)).

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust do not have any staffing roles that meet this FOI request. We believe this relates to Mental Health.

Please note that East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not provide a Mental Health Service. This service is provided by Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust who are the Mental Health Trust for this area, their Freedom of Information email address is:-

spft.foi@nhs.net

2. **How many senior peer worker/peer supervisor/peer development worker or similar roles does your Trust employ?**

Not applicable.

3. **What band(s) are your senior peer worker (or similarly titled) roles?**

Not applicable.

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4. Can you provide a job description for these roles?

Not applicable.

5. Who supervises the senior peer workers in your Trust

Not applicable.

6. Does your Trust employ a lived experience lead/peer support lead?

Not applicable.

7. If so, what band(s) are they recruited to?

Not applicable.

8. Can you provide a job description for your peer support lead (or similarly titled) role(s)?

Not applicable.

9. Did you receive any allocations via the NHSE Mental Health Programme grant funding over the last 4 years?

Yes, for children and young people.

24.25 £19k

23.24 £19k

22.23 £12k

10. How many peer workers and peer supervisors (or similarly titled roles) have you trained through the NHSE training grant funding route?

Not applicable.

11. How did the grant money help your organisation?

It has helped to have someone with dedicated allocation for children and young people in mental health crisis.

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

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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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Yours sincerely

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