

FOI REF: 25/592

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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 could you provide the following information:

1. **The total number of multi-professional approved clinicians (as approved under the mental health act) employed by the trust currently**

Clarification was sought with regard to your definition of 'multi-professional approved clinicians and multi-professional responsible clinicians' and confirmation was received that you require the following:

Multi-professional approved clinicians would refer to any psychologists, nurses, occupational therapists or social workers who have been approved by a regional panel to work as an 'approved clinician' as defined under the mental health act.

This is also separate to the Leng debate owing to involving a different cohort of staff, there is no need to involve wider advanced practitioners unless meeting the criteria outlined above.

Further clarification was sought asking if this involves Physician Associates and confirmation was received as follows:

Physician assistants would not be covered by this request unless separately they met the criteria for being a multi-professional approved clinician as defined in previous correspondence.

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not have any of these roles within the Trust.

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2. **A breakdown of this number by base profession (psychologist, nurse, occupational therapist or social worker)**

Not applicable.

3. **The number of these working as responsible clinicians**

Not applicable.

4. **A breakdown of which teams these staff are working in based on the following**

- a. **inpatient vs outpatient setting**
- b. **Specialty (old age, general adult, child and adolescent, intellectual disability, forensic or other)**
- c. **For inpatient settings whether male ward, female ward or mixed ward**

Not applicable.

5. **The total number of trainee multi-professional approved clinicians currently in training in the trust**

Not applicable.

6. **The mean pro-rata salary of multi-professional approved clinicians and multi-professional responsible clinicians currently employed by the trust (as two values if these are different.)**

Not applicable.

7. **Are multi-professional approved/responsible clinicians currently allowed to cover gaps in service left by doctor approved/responsible clinicians**

Not applicable.

8. **Do multi-professional approved/responsible clinicians contribute to on call rotas**

- a. **If yes are these on rotas shared with doctor approved/responsible clinicians**
- b. **If yes is this in hours, out of hours, or both**

Not applicable.

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

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Yours sincerely

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