

FOI REF: 26/095

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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 temporary staff does the trust employ a month specifically to care for mental health patients in A&E or in an acute hospital bed? Please provide a monthly figure for January-December 2025 inclusive. This would include patients with no physical health needs waiting for a mental health inpatient bed in A&E or in an acute bed where they have been admitted for their own safety / to improve A&E flow.**

[Please see the attached document - 'FOI 26-095 Response'.](#)

- 2. What is the monthly cost of employing these staff members in q. 1? Please provide a monthly figure if possible, or an annual figure for 2025 if not.**

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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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Month	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
Whole Time Equivalent	3.64	2.36	6.21	5.38	9.58	10.22	8.88	12.56	5	2.8	2.46	1.26

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Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25
£17,580.59	£11,109.67	£30,928.49	£26,620.43	£48,469.10	£48,504.50	£43,139.41	£59,647.28	£22,446.61	£10,682.98	£12,057.85	£5,918.24