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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

**For the 2024/25 Financial Year**

**1. Do you offer a chaplaincy service?**

Yes.

**2. What hours does it operate?**

On-Site - 08.00 to 16.00 - Monday to Friday.  
On Call - 18.00 to 0600 - Monday to Thursday nights.

**3. What is the Head Count of Paid Staff under the service**

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**4. What is the WTE of Paid Staff under the service**

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**5. Do you have any Volunteers in the Chaplaincy Service**

Yes.

**a. If so what headcount?**

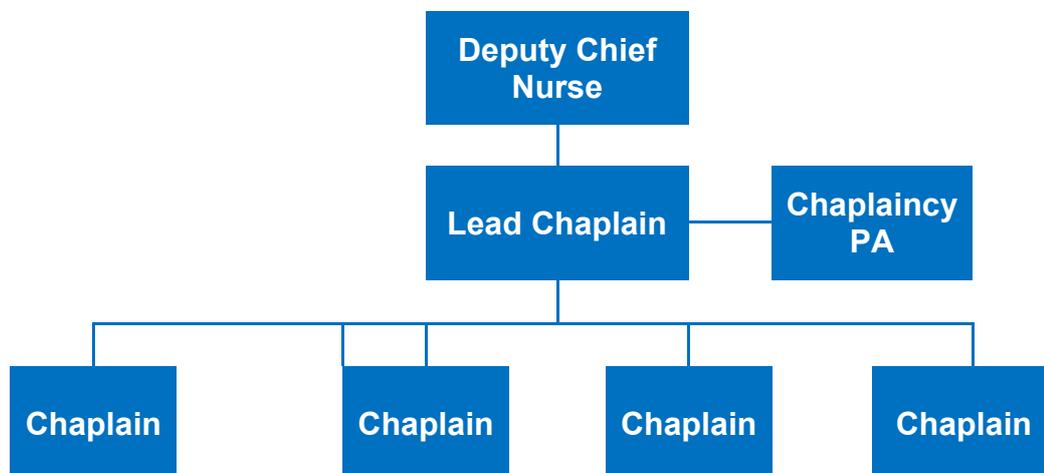
Approximately 50.

**b. What WTE?**

We do not hold this information. Volunteers do different hours on different days. Usual time for a Volunteering duty is 2 hours. Most Volunteers do one two-hour session per week, some less frequently, some more.

**6. Can you provide a Structure Tree for the Service? Whether Paid Staff or Voluntary or both.**

Please see the Structure below of paid staff for the Chaplaincy service.



**7. Can you provide a list of Staff roles and their banding?**

Lead Chaplain	Band 7
4 x Chaplains	Band 6
Chaplaincy Admin	Band 3

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at [esh-tr.foi@nhs.net](mailto:esh-tr.foi@nhs.net) quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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