

FOI REF: 26/482

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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:

Please could you provide the following information:

1	Approximate number of patients accessing epilepsy care in your Trust in the last 12 months:	1407		
		Headcount	FTE	Number of vacant posts
2	Total number of epilepsy specialist nurses (ESNs) employed within your Trust	4	3.4 FTE	1 FTE
2a	The number of ESNs which primarily serve an adult epilepsy population	2	1.4 FTE	0
2b	The number of ESNs which primarily serve a paediatric epilepsy population	3	2.0 FTE	1.0 FTE post became vacant in June 2026. Out to advert

2c	The number of ESNs which primarily serve an adult learning disability epilepsy population	2	1.4 FTE	0
2d	The number of ESNs which primarily serve a paediatric learning disability epilepsy population	1 Paediatric Neurodisability Nurse. Post supports the ESN paediatric epilepsy service.	0.8 FTE	0
		Headcount	FTE	Vacant posts
3	The number of ESNs employed within your Trust operating in the following Agenda for Change bands:			
3a	Band 4			
3b	Band 5			
3c	Band 6	2 x Paed	1.0 FTE	0
3d	Band 7	2 x Adult 1 x Paed	3.4 FTE	1.0 FTE post became vacant within Paediatrics in June 2026. Out to advert
3e	Band 8A			
3f	Band 8B+			
4	Do ESN staff from your Trust provide services to patients registered with other NHS Trusts?	No.		
4a	If yes, please estimate the proportion of ESN FTE time spent in other Trusts:	Not applicable.		
4b	If yes, please provide the name of the Trusts that services are provided to:	Not applicable.		

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 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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