

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 23-854

6 December 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

• We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

In the questions below, 'Manager' or 'Managers' refers to any member of staff employed by the trust – on either a permanent, part-time (or other) contract which includes the term 'Manager', 'Director' or 'Executive' in their job title.

If providing any of the pieces of information would exceed the cost limit set out in the Act, I would like you to continue to respond to other pieces of information being asked.

1. How many Managers are currently employed in your Trust? 628

In addition to the total number of Managers employed, please provide a breakdown of the number of Managers employed in each department, unit or ward. If you do not keep this information on record for every unit, or ward, please provide this information for as many as you can in a digital format.

Please see the attached document. Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by *. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

2. How many managers were fired for gross misconduct in the year ending September 2023? Please redact any personal information.

3. How many managers were fired on grounds of capability in the year ending September 2023? By capability, I refer to poor performance, rather than ill-health, as set out in section 98(2) in the Employment Rights Act (1996). Please redact any personal information.

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4. Of Managers that are currently employed by the trust:

a) How many are below band 8A (according to current Agenda for Change pay rates)? 395

b) How many are above band 8A (according to current Agenda for Change pay rates)? 214

c) How many are currently on long-term sickness leave? Nine

d) How many are employed on part time contracts? 137

5. How many hours of overtime did 'on-call' Managers working in your Accident and Emergency department claim in each Week of July, August and September of 2023? Zero

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust Trust Headquarters Marlborough Street

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Bristol BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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