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Reference: 2015-245

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act 2000

Following your request for information we received on 2 March 2015. The Trust has looked into your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, but it is with regret that we are unable to provide in detail the information you have requested.

You requested:

“In January 2015 The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence published draft recommendations on minimum ratios concerning safe staffing for nursing in A&E departments. The draft recommendations were:

- **2 registered nurses to 1 patient in cases of major trauma or cardiac arrest**
- **1 registered nurse to 4 cubicles in either ‘majors’ or ‘minors**

The guidance can be accessed here: <http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qid-accidentandemergencysettings/resources/accident-and-emergency-departments-guideline-consultation3>

- a) **In line with the above, please could you state whether the Type 1 Major A&E departments within your Trust were meeting the above ratios at the time when the draft guidance was published in January 2015 (please provide figures by Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE)).**
- b) **Please could you state whether you have plans in place to meet the above recommendations?**
- c) **Please could you state the average number of FTE registered nurses that were on duty in your Type 1 Major A&E department during the a) day b) night. Please provide this information for January 2015 or for the most recent period available.**

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- d) **Please could you also state the average number of cubicles there are in your Type 1 Major A&E departments during the a) day b) night? Please provide this information for January 2015 or for the most recent period available.”**

I can confirm in relation to questions a) to d) above, that the Trust provides a mental health service and does not have an Accident and Emergency department and therefore does not hold the requested information.

I do hope you are satisfied with the way in which your response was handled, if not you may request an internal review at the above email address within 28 days of this letter. When contacting the Trust please use the above reference that is unique to your request.

If you remain unsatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you may seek further recourse by lodging an appeal with the Information Commissioner' Office at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF and on the Information Centre's website. www.ico.gov.uk/

Yours sincerely


Interim Information Governance Officer