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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 22/01/ 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding learning disabilities nurses

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 How many learning disabilities nurses are employed within the Trust?**

A1 We have seven (7) nurses with a learning disability nursing qualification

**Q2 Do these nurses hold a single or dual registration (e.g. as registered adult, child or mental health nurses)?**

A2 They hold a single registration

**Q3 What is their job title and banding?**

A3 The majority are staff nurses, and one is an epilepsy nurse specialist

**Q4 Where do these nurses work, and what types of services are these?**

A4 The majority work on adult wards where there is likely to be a higher incidence of admissions of patients living with a learning disability. One works superficially with patients who have epilepsy

**Q5 If possible, could you provide job descriptions for these posts?**

A5 Not provided as the Job descriptions are not specific to learning disability nurses

**Q6 How is information about the employment of learning disabilities nurses within the Trust gathered and recorded?**

A6 Through Electronic Staff register (ESR) and through a programme of learning disability champions within the Trust

**Q7 Is the decision whether or not to employ learning disabilities nurses within the Trust part of any strategic plan for workforce development or promoting patient experience?**

A7 It relates to promoting patient experience and supporting staff to develop skills to develop the holistic needs of patients

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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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