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Dear Sir/madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 18th December 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding doctor shifts

Q1 Please can I have the number of doctor shifts that have gone unfilled even after the shifts have been put out for locums in the last 6 months?

A1 The Trust has data which is only available for a 3-month period which is 382 shifts

Please note, as per Trust Policy (HR20): Unconfirmed timesheets will not be paid and will be removed from the electronic system after a maximum period of 3 months and not remunerated.

Therefore, data is only available for unfilled shifts for a month period.

Q2 Please can I also have the number of doctor locum shifts that have eventually been covered by an allied health professional, e.g. a Physician associate or Advanced care practitioner, during that same period?

A2 The Trust does not fill doctor bank shifts with a Physician Associate or other, therefore this is not applicable.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

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Yours,



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