

Ref: FOIA Reference 2018/217

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018(received into our office 16<sup>th</sup> July) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding neonatal and paediatric on-call rotas.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) 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 I would hereby like to make a request for information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.**

**As such, I would be grateful if you could provide information in response to the following questions for the last five complete financial years to 2017/18.**

**Number of paediatric admissions per year?**

A1 Please see below; please note that we have taken paediatric admissions as age range 0-17.

Site Group	Age Group	Financial Year					Grand Total
		2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	
Grand Total	0 - 17	17890	21490	22362	21957	19100	100352

**Q2 Number of births per year?**

A2 Please see below:

- 2014/15 = 5899 RSUH only, information not held for County Hospital
- 2015/16 = 6512
- 2016/17 = 6630
- 2017/18 = 6490

**Q3 Does your Trust operate separate neonatal and paediatric on-call rotas?**

A3 Yes

**Q4 Number of consultants on the paediatric on-call rota per year?**

A4 For general paediatrics there are sixteen (16) Consultants on the on call rota

**Q5 Number of consultants on the neonatal on-call rota (if 'yes' to question 3) per year?**

A5 There are six (6)

**Q6 Number of paediatric trainee doctors provided by the West Midlands Deanery / Health Education England per year? Please provide a breakdown of trainee level.**

A6 Please see below:

FY1 = 3 Doctors every 4 month rotation = 9
FY2 = 2 Doctors on Neonates every 4 month rotation = 6
FY2 = 1 Doctor on Gen Paeds every 4 month rotation = 3
ST1-ST2 = 4 Doctors every 6 month rotation = 8
ST3 = 3 Doctors every 6 month rotation = 6
ST4 – ST5 =9 Doctors every 6 month rotation = 18
ST6 – ST7 = 8 Doctors every 6 month rotation = 16
GRID =2 Doctors every 6 month rotation = 4

**Q7 Is the allocation of trainee doctors to the paediatric speciality a Trust or West Midlands Deanery / Health Education England decision?**

A7 West Midlands Deanery

**Q8 If a Trust decision, how are trainee doctors allocated to the paediatric speciality? Please provide information as to the criteria used in making trainee allocation decisions. Please include examples of relevant policy, process or procedural documentation.**

A8 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.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.


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The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

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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**Deputy Head of Quality, Safety & Compliance**