Ref: FOIA Reference 2023/24-325

Date: 13th September 2023

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 22nd August 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Neurology Workforce

As of 1st 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 **These questions are applicable to any Trust that provides either neurology, maternity or learning disability care. Please answer all of the questions that are relevant to your trust, and mark those that are not relevant clearly as such with a reason (e.g. 'Not applicable as we do not provide maternity care').**
Please could you provide the following (including both the number of individuals and FTE for each question, and job titles where asked):

			Response
1	**The number of neurologists employed within your Trust, including:**	**-**	**-**
1a	**The total number of neurologists**	**Number:**	
		FTE:	
1b	**The number of which are adult neurologists**	**Number:**	
		FTE:	
1c	**The number of which are paediatric neurologists**	**Number:**	
		FTE:	
1d	**How many adult neurologists are epileptologists**	**Number:**	
		FTE:	
1e	**How many paediatric neurologists are epileptologists**	**Number:**	
		FTE:	
1f	**If you do not employ neurologists, please provide details of who provides your neurology services**	**Name of provider:**	
2	**The number of epilepsy specialist nurses (ESNs) employed within your Trust,**	**Number:**	
		FTE:	

	including:		
2a	**The number of which are adult ESNs**	**Number:**	
		FTE:	
2b	**The number of which are paediatric ESNs**	**Number:**	
		FTE:	
2c	**How many adult ESNs have Learning Disability expertise**	**Number:**	
		FTE:	
2d	**How many paediatric ESNs have Learning Disability expertise**	**Number:**	
		FTE:	
3	**The number of learning disability nurses who have epilepsy expertise**	**Number:**	
		FTE:	
4	**The number of staff working within obstetrics who have epilepsy expertise, and their job titles**	**Number:**	
		FTE:	
		Job titles:	
4a	**Within this number, how many midwives have epilepsy expertise**	**Number:**	
		FTE:	
5	**The number of staff working within neurology who have expertise in obstetrics, and their job titles**	**Number:**	
		FTE:	
		Job titles:	

A1   See below:

			Response
1	The number of neurologists employed within your Trust, including:	12	-
1a	The total number of neurologists	Number:	12 1 for Paediatrics
		FTE:	11.5 1
1b	The number of which are adult neurologists	Number:	12
		FTE:	11.5
1c	The number of which are paediatric neurologists	Number:	1
		FTE:	1 WTE
1d	How many adult neurologists are epileptologists	Number:	1
		FTE:	0.7
1e	How many paediatric neurologists are epileptologists	Number:	0
		FTE:	
1f	**If you do not employ neurologists**, please provide details of who provides your neurology services	Name of provider:	N/A
2	The number of epilepsy specialist nurses	Number:	4

	(ESNs) employed within your Trust, including:	FTE:	3.160 0.8 for paediatrics
2a	The number of which are adult ESNs	Number:	4
		FTE:	3.1
2b	The number of which are paediatric ESNs	Number:	1
		FTE:	0.8 WTE
2c	How many adult ESNs have Learning Disability expertise	Number:	Not applicable – we don't have this expertise incorporated
		FTE:	
2d	How many paediatric ESNs have Learning Disability expertise	Number:	Not applicable – we don't have this expertise incorporated
		FTE:	
3	The number of learning disability nurses who have epilepsy expertise	Number:	Not applicable – we don't have this expertise incorporated
		FTE:	
4	The number of staff working within obstetrics who have epilepsy expertise, and their job titles	Number:	2
		FTE:	
		Job titles:	Epilepsy specialist nurse (2 sessions a month) Consultant in maternal medicine
4a	Within this number, how many midwives have epilepsy expertise	Number:	0
		FTE:	
5	The number of staff working within neurology who have expertise in obstetrics, and their job titles	Number:	Not applicable
		FTE:	
		Job titles:	

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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.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,

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