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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4508

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 23rd October 2020.

Your request was as follows:

1. How many Physician Associates are currently working in your trust? (please can you include their pay banding and department)

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust \(WCFT\) does not employ any Physician Associates and there are no plans to do so at present.](#)

2. How many Physician Associate vacancies are currently available? (please can you include their pay banding and department)

[N/A](#)

3. How many Physician Associates are you planning to employ?

[0](#)

4. Please may you disclose if there are currently any business cases being drawn up to try to employ physician associates, and if so please can you send as much detail as possible regarding this.

[N/A](#)

5. Has there been any rejected or failed business cases to employ physician associates and why wasn't it accepted?

[N/A](#)

6. If physician associates are employed in your trust, how do their staff satisfaction surveys compare to other staff members, particularly doctors?

[N/A](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4508 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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