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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5190

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 24th May 2022.

Your request was as follows:

1. Number of hospital social workers currently employed by your Trust (expressed as number of staff and as Full Time Equivalent, excluding vacancies)

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust \(WCFT\) do not employ social workers.](#)

2. Number of non-social work registered staff currently employed in hospital social work teams (care managers, assessment officers, assistant social workers etc) (expressed as number of staff and as Full Time Equivalent, excluding vacancies)

[N/A](#)

3. Number of vacancies for social workers and non-social work registered staff currently employed in hospital social work teams (expressed as number of posts and Full Time Equivalent)

[N/A](#)

4. Are these hospital social workers managed by a registered social worker?

[N/A](#)

5. Do these hospital social workers have an office base within an NHS hospital / other NHS premises

[N/A](#)

6. If your Trust does not employ hospital social workers, please give the name of the body that does employ hospital social workers in your area.

[The WCFT have a service level agreement to refer patients to the Aintree University Hospital.](#)

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5190 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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