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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6034

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 16th November 2023.

Your request was as follows:

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the period August 2022 - August 2023 regarding the employment and related details of Physician Associates (PAs) within your trust.

1. Number of Physician Associates (PAs) Employed:

- Please provide the total number of Physician Associates employed in your trust for the stated time period.

I can confirm that the Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust did not have any Physician Associates employed within the Trust for the period August 2022 - August 2023.

2. Average Annual Salary of PAs:

- Please disclose the average annual salary, or salary range, for Physician Associates employed in your trust for the stated time period, and a breakdown of how many PAs are on each Agenda for Change pay band.

N/A

3. Average Weekly Working Hours:

- Specify the average number of hours worked per week by Physician Associates employed at your trust for the stated time period, and the average number of hours worked outside of the 9am-5pm time range.

N/A

4. Job Duties and Responsibilities:

- Provide a detailed description of the job duties and responsibilities of Physician Associates within your trust for the stated time period.

N/A

5. Supervision and Accessibility:



- Clarify what profession and grade are supervising Physician Associates and whether PAs at your trust are able to attend work if their supervising clinician is not immediately contactable by them.

N/A

6. Role in Filling Rota Gaps:

- Indicate whether Physician Associates at your trust are permitted to fill rota gaps left by GMC Registered Medical Doctors. If so, specify the grade of doctors they are authorised to cover for.

N/A

7. Hourly Rates for Bank Shifts:

- Please provide the hourly rate range paid to Physician Associates working bank shifts at your trust for the stated time period. Break down this range according to years of service if applicable.

N/A

8. Prospective Employment:

- Please disclose the number of Physician Associates your trust plans to employ in the next 5 years, or business cases out for employing PAs in the next 5 years.

N/A

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

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 6034 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 by:

Post: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHeshire, SK9 5AF.

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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