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Our Ref: MB/CM FOI 6224

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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6224

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 12th March 2024.

Your request was as follows:

I am emailing under the Freedom of Information Act to request information regarding Obstetrics staffing in your Trust for the financial years 2015/16, until FY 2022/23.

The financial year is the period between April 1st to March 31st of the following year (e.g., 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023).

Please answer the following questions regarding your obstetricians in each financial year, split by grade (as per NHS staffing listed grades) when needed.

Ideally, please provide the answers regarding the staffing you had each October, but it can be another month of the year if October is not available.

FY 2022/23

1. How many full-time equivalent (FTE) obstetricians did you have in October?
 - a. Consultant
 - b. Associate Specialist
 - c. Specialty Doctor
 - d. Specialty Registrar
 - e. Core Training
 - f. Foundation Doctor Year 2
 - g. Foundation Doctor Year 1
 - h. Staff Grade
 - i. Other and Local HCHS Doctor Grades
 - j. Hospital Practitioner / Clinical Assistant
2. Did you have a 24/7 consultant obstetrician on call?
3. Was the consultant obstetrician on-call on-site, or were they off-site (e.g., at home)?
4. How many full-time equivalent (FTE) vacancies did you have for consultant obstetricians?
5. What was the expenditure on agency/locum for consultant obstetricians?

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not offer services which require an obstetrician. Therefore, we cannot provide this information.

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 6224 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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