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Subject: Staffing Levels

REQUEST

I would be very grateful if you could provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, information with respect to the following:

1. The number of planned hours (anticipated or scheduled work hours allocated) and actual hours (real or recorded work hours completed) for Junior Doctors' (referring to: FY1, FY2, Specialty Trainees, Specialty Registrars, GP Specialty Trainees, Senior House Officers) day and night shifts.
2. The proportion (expressed as a %) of total Junior Doctor shifts that did not meet planned staffing levels.
3. The number of planned hours (anticipated or scheduled work hours allocated) and actual hours (real or recorded work hours completed) for Registered Nurses' day and night shifts.
4. The proportion (expressed as a %) of total Registered Nurse shifts that did not meet planned staffing levels.

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

Section 12: cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

The Trust believes that the provision of the requested information would exceed the appropriate time limits, given that information is held across multiple systems and would require manual data manipulation.

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust does not have to comply with a

request where it is estimated that the cost of compliance would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit is specified within the regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days answering the request, either wholly or partially.