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## REQUEST

1. For each year from 1st January 2010 to 31st December 2023, the number of resident doctors (previously referred to as “junior doctors”) who accessed the Trust’s staff psychology service whilst employed in such a role at the Trust.
  - a. This includes any such doctors working in training positions on external premises (e.g. GP practices) whilst still under the umbrella of the Trust.
2. For each year from 1st January 2010 to 31st December 2023, the number of resident doctors (previously referred to as “junior doctors”) who accessed the Trust’s staff counselling service whilst employed in such a role at the Trust.
  - a. This includes any such doctors working in training positions on external premises (e.g. GP practices) whilst still under the umbrella of the Trust.
3. For each month during the years 2019-2023, the number of resident doctors (previously referred to as “junior doctors”) who accessed the Trust’s staff psychology service whilst employed in such a role at the Trust.
  - a. This includes any such doctors working in training positions on external premises (e.g. GP practices) whilst still under the umbrella of the Trust.
4. For each month during the years 2019-2023, the number of resident doctors (previously referred to as “junior doctors”) who accessed the Trust’s staff counselling service whilst employed in such a role at the Trust.
  - a. This includes any such doctors working in training positions on external premises (e.g. GP practices) whilst still under the umbrella of the Trust.

## RESPONSE

Information is exempt from disclosure under the FOIA if the information is intended for future publication. Section 22 states –

**22. — (1)**

(a) the information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not).

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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023 and because of this Merger occupational health is under business continuity (BCP) arrangements while reporting has been suspended. the old system has been decommissioned and therefore we are without reporting capability until the new system and database is up and running. This is planned to be completed by 31st March 2025. So we are hopeful this data can be made available in the next financial year

The Trust feels it is reasonable to apply this exemption and it is intending to publish this data in order to reduce the burden of repeatedly providing similar responses.