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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/011383

With reference to your FOI request that was received on 25/02/2013 in connection with 'Nursing standard - Protected time for mentors of nursing students'.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed.

Further information about your rights is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

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Yours sincerely

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Please find the responses to your request, in turn below:

1) Does your organisation provide protected time for mentors of nursing students?

Yes

2) If yes, please provide details of this including: What proportion of protected time? (for a example, one hour of protected time a week)

The guidelines are that mentors spend 40% of their time with student nurses and an additional 1 hour per week for students who are on their sign off placement in year 3 placement 2.

3) Has your organisation provided any training or support to mentors of nursing students in the last 12 months?

Yes

If yes, please provide details of this or any other initiatives you think are relevant.

Practice Mentor Workshops are facilitated monthly. In addition ad hoc sessions are facilitated as requested to support practice staff that have had difficulty attending Trust workshops or as part of 'departmental away days'.

Capacity is 30 - 40 per month

An additional x9 workshops were facilitated in practice areas between Jan-Dec 2012

Sign off Mentor Training is facilitated x3 monthly - max capacity is x12

4) Does your organisation provide protected time for mentors of medical students?

5) If yes, please provide details of this including: What proportion of protected time? (for a example, one hour of protected time a week)

6) Has your organisation provided any training or support to mentors of medical students in the last 12 months?

If yes, please provide details of this or any other initiatives you think are relevant.

Please find the response to questions 4 - 6 below:

Within the Undergraduate Teaching Academy we have 15 Senior Teaching Academy Tutors whose role is to look after the professional and pastoral clinical education of a group of medical students.

This role is a paid role, it sits outside of the normal consultant SPA time and dedicated time has to be given to this role.

The amount of time can differ between each consultant – but generally it works out that each Academy Tutor has roughly 2 hours a week to carry out their role of which some of this time is for professional and pastoral care for their medical students.

All of our Teaching Academy Tutors are also Education Supervisors for trainee doctors. As such they have to attend a Teaching the Teachers course which covers 'Effective Educational Supervision', 'Dealing with Doctors in Difficulty' etc. Trainers have to attend an update every 3 years