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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/011682

With reference to your FOI request that was received on 02/12/2013 in connection with 'Consultants onsite from midnight to 8am'.

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

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1 - How many consultants do you employ onsite at the hospital from midnight to 8am on a) weekdays and b) weekends?

A senior doctor is always on site between these hours. Consultants are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week and during this period would be 'on call'. This involves attending the site for emergencies as well as at the request of senior doctor on site. Critical specialities have a response time of 30 minutes from home to site. The Trust regularly review medical staff working patterns and are aware of the national initiative to have Consultants on site 24/7.

2 - In each case please state the department he/she works in and the job title/specialism of the consultant. (NB - If a consultant starts work before 8am but there is no consultant on duty before then please state the time at which the consultant starts.)

See reply to question 1.

3 - How many times have patients had to be diverted from your A&E unit to another A&E unit in a) 2012-13 and b) 2013-14?

The Trust does not hold this information. Please try the West Midlands Ambulance Service

4 - For each case in both a) 2012-13 and b) 2013-14 please state which A&E they were sent to.

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5 - Where possible - and if within FOI cost limits - please provide an explanation for why patients were moved to an another A&E unit.

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