

Date: 20/03/2014

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/011759

With reference to your FOI request that was received on 13/02/2014 in connection with 'Doctors on shift' please see response below.

1) How many doctors were on shift (and in the hospital) on the following days at 3pm?
Please break down by title and department where possible (Consultant, FY2 etc)
-Wednesday 4th December
-Saturday 7th December
-Sunday 8th December

Please note: 3pm is effectively an arbitrary time, because "Wednesday" etc is vague (as there'll be different amounts of doctors at different times of the day) if it's easier for you to provide data for a different time of day at noon or 5pm etc please do so).

Please note:
Some department's figures are not essential.

-A&E
-Maternity
-Intensive Care

If they are too costly to include in compiling please omit all of the above. It's been my experience from the test FOI sampling that these departments have their own rotas and staffing in some hospitals. I am most concerned with the standard wards and departments, urology, geriatrics etc.

2) How many doctors were "on call" on the following days at 3pm?
Please break down by title and department where possible (Consultant, FY2 etc)
-Wednesday 4th December
-Saturday 7th December
-Sunday 8th December

To enable the Trust to provide the information for your request below, FOI ref: 011759 it has calculated that it will take over the £450 FOI limit.

Please see the following explanation:

To enable the information to be retrieved 29 service heads for various areas/specialties will be required to review paper rota records, as the system is not centralised and not electronically reportable, for every medic, which is approximately 500 staff.

To review rotas containing information for each of the 500 medics to enable the Trust to determine which of the medics falls into the categories you have requested and then to collate the information requested will take approximately 15 minutes per medic.

15 minutes x 500(medics) = 7500 minutes
7500 minutes = 125 hours
125 hours x £25 per hour (FOI fees) = £3125

Please could you please let the Trust know if you wish to take your request forward at a cost to yourself of £3125