

Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-117

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding stroke consultant vacancies.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

**Q1 The following questions relate exclusively to acute stroke units run by your Trust. If you have more than one stroke unit within your Trust, please answer each question separately for each unit and note clearly the name of the stroke unit each individual answer refers to.**

**1. How many stroke consultant vacancies were there in each of the following years? Please express your answer in terms of whole time equivalent.**

- 2017
- 2018

A1 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) has had no stroke consultant vacancies in either year requested.

**Q2 What was the whole time equivalent for band 6 and 7 nurses per 10 stroke unit beds in each of the following years?**

- 2017
- 2018

A2 Please see below: please note: The information provided is as held for UHNM for month 3 of 2017 and month 3 of 2018 in respect of the band 6 and 7 nurses for the Acute Stroke unit as a whole (30 beds).

The information is not split into the WTE's per 10 beds.

2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Band 7 = 1 WTE</li> <li>• Band 6 = 8.60 WTE</li> </ul>
2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Band 7 = 2 WTE</li> </ul>

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Band 6 = 11.60WTE</li></ul> |
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**Q3 Did you offer a full time qualified psychologist in each of the follow years?**

- 2017
- 2018

A3 No

**Q4 If yes, was one whole time equivalent (WTE) qualified clinical psychologist available for every 30 stroke unit beds in each of the following years?**

- 2017
- 2018

A4 Not applicable.

\*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

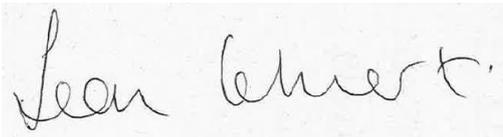
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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature reads "Jean Lehnert" in a cursive script.

Jean Lehnert  
**Information Governance Manager**