



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-522

Date: 18th November 2024

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 5th November 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) Upper GI nurses

Q1 I am an [REDACTED]

Hepato-pancreato-biliary (HPB) clinical nurses serve patients with complex and life-threatening malignant and benign pancreatic and biliary diseases. They work in a variety of geographical areas, specialist services and at different levels of practice. They may have different job titles, for example HPB or Upper Gastrointestinal (GI) Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) or HPB or Upper GI Advanced Nurse/Clinical Practitioners (ANP/ACP) or HPB or Upper GI Nurse Consultant.

Whilst the value of clinical nurse specialists (CNS) and advanced nursing roles is well recognised in the management of long-term conditions and cancer, there is no published data to support the specialist work performed by HPB nurses. Recently the British Society of Gastroenterology and the Pancreatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland commissioned a joint project which aims to map the professional scope of HPB nurse roles in the UK and Ireland. This scope will be used to inform future competency frameworks for clinical practice. The project includes a national survey for HPB nurses. We would like to identify how many HPB nurses are currently employed in NHS services so that we can map the current national workforce and compare this to response rates to the survey.

I would like to request the following information from the Trust-

How many HPB or Upper GI nurses (including CNS/ANP/ACP/Nurse consultants) are currently employed at the Trust?

A1 At UHNM there is a headcount of 7 people that come under the headings of HPB or Upper GI nurses (including CNS/ANP/ACP/Nurse consultants).

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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.

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,



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