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I am responding to your request for information received on 3 February 2020. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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**Request:**

**Question 1.** In Qs 3,4,5, the number of PAs stated are lower than I would expect for a month (approx 10 per consultant), can you confirm that these are totals for the month, or are they weekly? If weekly, could you please provide a monthly figure?

**Answer:** The information previously provided relates to PAs hours planned weekly. The SARD job planning tool allows doctors to plan a working week. The Trust therefore does not hold these figures by month.

**Question 2.** Furthermore, the numbers of consultants referenced in these questions for November 2019 differ from the answers given in Q2c. Can you explain the discrepancy please?

**Answer:** As at November 2019, 15 permanent consultant staff had not completed an up to date job plan on SARD, hence the difference in numbers.

**Original request:**

**Question 1.** Does your Trust have an electronic job planning system? Yes No  
At your Trust:

**Answer:** East London NHS Foundation Trust started using the SARD job planning tool from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019

**Question 2.** How many permanent consultant staff (please provide both head count and WTE) were employed in:  
a. November 2017  
b. November 2018  
c. November 2019

**Answer:** a. November 2017 = HC = 181, FTE = 168.10  
b. November 2018 = HC = 177, FTE = 161.80  
c. November 2019 = HC = 177, FTE = 156.73

**Question 3.** How many consultant PAs were fully funded at your Trust (i.e. formally incorporated into job plans as standard PAs or additional PAs) in:  
a. November 2017  
b. November 2018  
c. November 2019

**Answer:** The Trust does not hold the information for 2017 or 2018 as the Trust started using an electronic job planning system from January 2019.

In November 2019, 152 consultants planned 1378.878 Pas

**Question 4. How many consultant PAs were delivered at your Trust by permanent consultant staff (i.e. total number of PAs including additional waiting list activity and additional sessions outside the job plan) in:**  
**a. November 2017**  
**b. November 2018**  
**c. November 2019**

**Answer:** The Trust does not hold the information for 2017 or 2018 as the Trust started using an electronic job planning system from January 2019.

In November 2019 = 142 permanent consultants planned 1308.128 PAs

**Question 5. How many Direct Clinical Care PAs (job planned DCC activity) were delivered by permanent consultant staff in:**  
**a. November 2017**  
**b. November 2018**  
**c. November 2019**

**Answer:** The Trust does not hold the information for 2017 or 2018 as the Trust started using an electronic job planning system from January 2019.

c. November 2019 = 142 permanent consultants planned 867.988

**Question 6. How many additional extra contractual activity PAs (e.g. Waiting List Initiative PAs and extra clinics) were delivered by permanent consultant staff in:**  
**a. November 2017**  
**b. November 2018**  
**c. November 2019**

**Answer:** The Trust does not hold the information for 2017 or 2018 as the Trust started using an electronic job planning system from January 2019.

c. November 2019 = 0

**Question 7. In 2019, how many permanent staff consultants at your Trust have applied to reduce the number of PAs they do per week?**

**Answer:** Six

**Question 8. At your Trust, how many of the following have been cancelled or not scheduled due to consultant staff unavailability since the start of 2019?**  
**a. Waiting List Initiative PAs**  
**b. Emergency List PAs**

**Answer:** a. Waiting List Initiative PAs = 0

b. Emergency List PAs = 0