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I am responding to your request for information received 31 October 2022. I am sincerely sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

When an organisation receives a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act, it is allowed under the Act to apply a blanket exemption to this where it has concluded that providing a response would take in excess of eighteen hours. When the cost of compliance and extracting information would exceed eighteen hours, a cost limit of £450 can be applied. This is explained in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to eighteen hours work.

Having reviewed your request, the Trust has noted that it would not be able to provide all the information requested within the eighteen hours specified in 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,



**Shuchi Joshi**  
Senior Information Governance Coordinator – Information Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire



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**Request: Dear Sir/Madam**

**Please could you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

**Question 1. How many permanent consultant staff (please provide both head count and WTE) were employed in the following financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22?**

Answer: 2018-2019 - 179 Headcount (161.9 FTE)  
2019-2020 - 175 Headcount (156.825 FTE)  
2020-2021 - 175 Headcount (158.025 FTE)  
2021-2022 - 184 Headcount (167.8 FTE)

**Question 2. How many consultant Programmed Activities (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) for each of the of the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22?**

**Question 3. The average number of consultant PAs which were delivered at your Trust in the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22**

**Question 4. The median number of consultant PAs delivered at your Trust in the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22**

**Question 5. The lowest number of consultant PAs delivered by a consultant at your Trust in the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22**

**Question 6. In relation to point 5 how many consultants delivered the lowest number of PAs in the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22**

**Question 7. The number of permanent staff consultants at your Trust that have applied to reduce the number of PAs they do per week for each of the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22?**

**Question 8. The number of consultants who have 'practising privileges' or 'practising rights' to deliver private patient services at the Trust.**

Answer: Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit

When the Trust identifies that the request is likely to take over 18 hours, we are not obliged to provide information for any part of the request. We are required to provide advice on how you may refine your request to information that can be collated within the 18 hour timeframe. You may then choose what information you would like to receive and confirm the same to us, upon which we will process your request.

The Trust has reviewed your request for information and in order to collate this information, staff would have to explore manually and contact all local divisions, with manual checking which would exceed 18.75 hours of work.

Therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with this particular part of your request as the cost of compliance and extracting your exact requirements would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 which is specified in Section



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