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Our reference: FOI DA5169a

I am responding to your request for information received 5 April 2024. 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,

Information Rights Coordinator

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Request: Thank you for your response to my FOI request about mental health pharmacists sent on 23rd January 2024 (FOI DA5169).

Question 1: Please can you confirm if the figures you provided are whole time equivalent (WTE) or headcount?

Answer: Yes. The previous figures provided were whole time equivalent.



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Original Request DA5169: Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information on the number of pharmacist roles created in Adult Mental Health Severe Mental Illness (SMI) Community Care teams, as per the NHS Mental Health Implementation Plan for 2019/20 – 2023/24 (table on page 29):

Question 1: Has your trust implemented an integrated primary and community care team for adults and older adults with severe mental illnesses as outlined on page 25 of the implementation plan linked above?

Answer: Yes.

Question 2: How many vacancies for pharmacists were created in Adult Mental Health (SMI) Community Care teams in each of the following financial years:

- a. 2019/20
- b. 2020/21
- c. 2021/22
- d. 2022/23
- e. 2023/24 to date

Answer: Please see table below:

Financial Year	Number of vacancies created
2019/20	Nil
2020/21	2
2021/22	4
2022/23	6
2023/24 to date	2

Question 3: How many pharmacists were in place in Adult Mental Health (SMI) Community Care teams in each of the following financial years:

- a. 2019/20
- b. 2020/21
- c. 2021/22
- d. 2022/23
- e. 2023/24 to date

Answer: Please see table below:

Financial Year	Number of pharmacists
2019/20	Nil
2020/21	2
2021/22	6
2022/23	12
2023/24 to date	14

Question 4: How many current unfilled vacancies are there for pharmacists in Adult Mental Health (SMI) Community Care teams?

Answer: Currently there are no unfilled vacancies for pharmacists.



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