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Our Ref: TSD10690

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for Information

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information you requested.

A copy of the information is below:

These questions are applicable to any Trust that provides neurology or learning disability care. Please answer all questions that are relevant to your trust, and mark those that are not relevant clearly as such with a reason (e.g. 'Not applicable as we do not provide learning disability care').

For the purposes of this request, an Epilepsy Specialist Nurse is any registered nurse whose substantive role includes any one of: specialist epilepsy assessment, management, review, education, care coordination, prescribing, or advice for people with epilepsy.

Please could you provide the following information:

1	Approximate number of patients accessing epilepsy care in your Trust in the last 12 months:	Minimum of 855, however we are currently unable to provide a confirmed figure.		
		Headcount	FTE	Number of vacant posts
2	Total number of epilepsy specialist nurses (ESNs) employed within your Trust	5	3.8	0
2a	The number of ESNs which primarily serve an adult epilepsy population	3	2	0

2b	The number of ESNs which primarily serve a paediatric epilepsy population	2	1.8	0
2c	The number of ESNs which primarily serve an adult learning disability epilepsy population	3 learning disability cases are included within the overall adult caseload.		0
2d	The number of ESNs which primarily serve a paediatric learning disability epilepsy population	2 learning disability cases are included within the overall caseload; there is no dedicated paediatric learning disability epilepsy nurse.		0
		Headcount	FTE	Vacant posts
3	The number of ESNs employed within your Trust operating in the following Agenda for Change bands:			
3a	Band 4			
3b	Band 5			
3c	Band 6	2 paediatric ESNs	1.8	0
3d	Band 7	3	2	0
3e	Band 8A			
3f	Band 8B+			
4	Do ESN staff from your Trust provide services to patients registered with other NHS Trusts?	No		
4a	If yes, please estimate the proportion of ESN FTE time spent in other Trusts:	Not applicable		

4b	If yes, please provide the name of the Trusts that services are provided to:	Not applicable
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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team