

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 18-209**

Date 15 May 2018

By Email

Dear Sir

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

- 1. From the latest data, how many FTE chemotherapy nurse posts in your trust are vacant?**

At present there are 15.35 FTE chemotherapy nurse posts vacant at this Trust.

- 2. How many FTE chemotherapy nurse posts do you currently have funded?**

At present there are 111.95 FTE chemotherapy nurses posts funded at this Trust.

- 3. How does this compare to the situation on 1st April 2013? For the sake of clarity: please can you provide answers on the same questions in Q1 and Q2 but for 1st April 2013 if possible.**

On the 1st April 2013, there were 4.38 FTE chemotherapy nurse posts vacant at this Trust.

On the 1st April 2013, there were 66.01 FTE chemotherapy nurses funded posts at this Trust.

- 4. How are you currently filling the shifts that should be covered by the vacant posts?**

The Trust occasionally uses Bank staff to cover gaps but as there is a shortage of adequately chemotherapy trained staff, staffing gaps are filled with non-chemotherapy trained staff or not filled if the acuity of the patients we are caring for enables this. In these instances, we use chemotherapy-trained staff to provide patients with chemotherapy and use non chemotherapy- trained staff to complete the other nursing tasks.

5. Have you had to offer less regular chemotherapy cycles in any way as a result of this?

Chemotherapy is always prioritised and a lack of chemotherapy trained staff has not resulted in less regular chemotherapy cycles.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Administrator