

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-089

3 March 2020

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

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

1. I would like a list of all sites owned by the trust where patients may stay overnight.
Bristol Eye Hospital (BEH)
Bristol Haematology and Oncology Centre (BHOC)
Bristol Heart Institute (BHI)
Bristol Royal Infirmary (BRI)
Bristol Royal Hospital for Children (BRHC)
South Bristol Community Hospital (SBCH)
St. Michael's Hospital (STM)
Bristol Dental Hospital (BDH)
2. How many beds are there on each site?
Please see attached the Trust's bed base.
3. What is the training level of the most senior doctor who should be on site each night (e.g. FY1, FY2, ST1 etc)? If this varies between wards/departments, please provide details.
Division of Women & Children: Obstetrics & Gynaecology: ST6-8, NICU: ST4-8.

Division of Medicine:

ED Consultant in Emergency Department until midnight SPR level ED 2400-0700.
Wards and Medical Care: Consultant in GIM until 2100, SPR level ED 2100-0700.

Division of Surgery:

GI Surgery (general surgery): ST3+

Trauma & Orthopaedics: F2+

ENT: F2+

Critical Care: consultant.

Thoracics: Surgical FY1 as junior and cardiothoracic registrar on call. Mostly ST3 occasional SHOs.

Dental: DCT on site.

Eye Hospital: ST3+ overnight not on site.

Anaesthesia: ST5+

Division of Specialised Services:

- a. BHOC: FY2 or ST1 subject to rota.
- b. BHI: registrar.

4. In the past year, how many times has the most senior doctor on site/ward overnight been at a lower training level than this, and what was their training level on each occasion?

Division of W&C: Nil.

Division of Medicine: Nil.

Division of Surgery: Nil.

Division of Specialised Services:

- a. BHOC: Nil.
- b. BHI: Nil.

5. In the past year, how many times has the most senior doctor on each site overnight been a locum? On how many occasions was that locum at a lower training level than specified as ideal by trust policy?

Division of W&C: In 2019 the Division had 14 recorded gaps overnight on the registrar rota, of which 12 were covered by internal locums (i.e. current registrar staff being paid for additional duties), and 2 by external locums (who had previously worked for the Trust at tier 2 level).

In any occasion, the doctors would not be at a lower training level than the level required by the Trust to cover the appropriate seniority of the shift.

Division of Medicine: No agency locum was used.

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Division of Surgery:

- a. Trauma & Orthopaedics: The Trust's internal doctors have taken up additional shifts as a locum doctor 23 times over the past year. The Trust's bank doctors have covered shifts 47 times and external agency locums 3 times.
- b. Ear, Nose & Throat: The Trust's internal doctors have taken up additional shifts as a locum doctor 6 times over the past year. The Trust's bank doctors have covered shifts 68 times and external agency doctors 7 times.

In any occasion, the doctors would not be at a lower training level than the level

required by the Trust to cover the appropriate seniority of the shift.

Division of Specialised Services:

- c. BHOC: There have been 10 occasions where the most senior doctor on each site overnight has been a locum.
There were no occasions when a locum was at a lower training level.

- d. BHI: 21 occasions where the most senior doctor on each site overnight has been a locum.
There were no occasions when a locum was at a lower training level.

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:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
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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

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