

Information Governance

Wrightington Hospital
Hall Lane
Appley Bridge
Lancashire
WN6 9EP

Tel: 01257 488271
Email: FOI@wwl.nhs.uk
Web: www.wwl.nhs.uk

Ref: FOI2018/4546

Date Received: 20th March 2018
Response Due: 19th April 2018

11th April 2018

Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked

I am looking for information relating to Children's Services only.

- 1) *Do you have an assessment unit or short stay unit within your Trust?*

Yes we have an observation and assessment unit.

- 2) *What is the maximum length of stay for children on your assessment or short stay unit before they are moved to an inpatient bed?*

Ideally 8 hours but this is flexible.

- 3) *How many beds do you have within your assessment unit or short stay unit?*

5 beds with 2 escalation beds, which can be used as observation & assessment beds or ward beds.

- 4) *How many registered nurses are allocated to work in this area on any shift? How many are band 5's?
How many are band 6's?*

We have one allocated nurse either a band 5 or a band 6, this is currently run on the staff working overtime as observation & assessment not yet funded.

5) *How many HCAs are allocated to work in this area on any shift?*

None

6) *Do you have staff that work only within the assessment unit or short stay unit?*

No all staff will rotate between the ward and the observation & assessment unit. I do have a band 6 lead and 2 band 5 leads for the unit.

7) *How many Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANP) work within Children's Services?*

We have one ANP who covers Rainbow ward Neonates and one shift per week in PECC.

8) *How many ANPs work within A&E? On the ward? Within the assessment unit or short stay unit?*

One

9) *Do you operate nurse led discharges from your assessment unit or short stay unit? If you do, what band are nurses that discharge? No*

Do they receive additional training to be able to discharge? N/A

10) *Do you have a policy and/or SOP for your assessment unit or short stay unit? If you do can you provide me with a copy? Yes, please see attached.*

11) *Do you have a named consultant, register or ANP that takes lead over your assessment unit? No*

12) *How many in-patients do you have per year, for the last 4 years?*

We have only been operating our observation & assessment service since January of this year.

13) *Have you trained any staff nurses up to ANP? Have you funded their training and/or given them protected time for study? No*

14) *Can you provide a copy of your job description for ANPs working in Children's Services?*

Please see the attached information.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Andrew Foster
Chief Executive

PLEASE NOTE:

The information supplied to you continues to be protected by the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including any non-commercial research you are doing and for the purposes of news reporting. Any other reuse, for example commercial publication, would require the permission of the copyright holder. You must ensure you gain their permission before reproducing any third party information.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Wrightington Hospital, Hall Lane, Appley Bridge, Wigan, WN6 9EP

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF