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Response Due: 17th July 2024

Date: 5th July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 18th June 2024, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

1. The number of SHO doctor shifts (FY2/ST1/ST2/CT1/CT2) covered by physician associates at the Trust between December 2023 - May 2024.

Physician Associates employed by WWL NHS Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust are not placed on to Medical Rotas and therefore no physician associate has ever covered any shift that required a GMC registered Doctor to cover it.

2. Each time a physician associate has covered a SHO doctor shift, please provide the date and unit where the shift took place.

Physician Associates employed by WWL NHS Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust are not placed on to Medical Rotas and therefore no physician associate has ever covered any shift that required a GMC registered Doctor to cover it.

3. The number of physician associates employed by the Trust.

There are currently two Physician Associates Employed by WWL NHS Teaching Hospitals Foundation Trust. Both work in Ambulatory Care Units and have their own roster. They are not included in "medical numbers" but are supervised by consultants.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Juliette Tait
Chief People Officer

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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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