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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.

This is a **Freedom of Information Act Request** for information to help understand the effect of the new (2016, being introduced 2017) junior doctor contract on training in ENT (Otolaryngology). The original enquiry was sent out 8 months ago and is now being repeated as all StR's will probably have transferred to the new contract.

Please can you answer the following questions:

1) Does your Trust employ ENT (Otolaryngology) Doctors?

If the answer to this question is *No*, there is no need to answer any further questions - please just confirm the answer to this question. If the answer is *Yes*, please proceed to Question 2.

2a) Do you employ any Specialty Registrars (StR's) in ENT (Otolaryngology)? This means doctors at level StR3 to StR8 who are part of a recognised School of Surgery / LETB training scheme. If *Yes*, please answer 'yes' and proceed to Question 3. If *No* please answer Question 2b.

2b) Do you host any Specialty Registrars (StR's) in ENT (Otolaryngology) employed by a LETB training scheme (in some rotations the StR's have contracts with the LETB, instead of individual trusts). This means doctors at level StR3 to StR8 who are part of a recognised School of Surgery / LETB training scheme employed by the LETB. If *Yes*, please answer 'yes' and proceed to Question 3.

If the answer to Question 2a *and* 2b is *No*, there is no need to answer any further questions - please just confirm the answer to these questions.

3) How many Specialty Registrars (StR's) in ENT (Otolaryngology) do you (or the LETB, in your Trust) employ?

4) For each of these Specialty Registrars (StR's), please provide the following information:

Averaged per week over a rotational cycle for on call and daytime commitments, **excluding any leave of any kind, or public holidays, or regional study days if they are not at least once per fortnight, for the registrar or any other member of the medical staff, including consultants**, how many hours *and* (if applicable) how many half-day sessions does the Specialty Registrar spend in the following activities (E.g. If the Registrar spent from 9AM until 1PM as paid personal development time one day per week, the answer to that question would be 4 hours and 1 half day):

- a) On Consultant supervised ward rounds?
  - b) On other ward rounds (non supervised)?
  - c) In Consultant supervised outpatient clinics?
  - d) In other outpatient clinics (non supervised)?
  - e) In Consultant supervised operating sessions?
  - f) In other operating sessions (non supervised)?
  - g) In paid personal development / Study / SPA time?
  - h) Departmental teaching?
  - i) Undertaking emergency on call work (excluding time when they are also undertaking one of the activities above)?
  - j) Any other contracted regular activities - please give hours / sessions and specify the activity?
- 5) Is the Specialty Registrar (StR) compulsory resident when on call?
- 6) After weekday nights on call, does the Specialty Registrar (StR) routinely have time off the next day because they have been on call?

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[http://www.wvl.nhs.uk/foi/March\\_2017.aspx](http://www.wvl.nhs.uk/foi/March_2017.aspx)

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,



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