

Ref FOI17 099
Date 5 June 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request.

Please provide the following information

Can you please provide me with information regarding staffing levels 4th & 5th March this year at St Mary's? How many doctors & nurses were scheduled for duty and how many actually were at work during the 48 hour period.

Response - For registered nurses, within 20 inpatient wards only:

Planned = 335

Actual = 327

Response - For Medicine (Doctors)

Planned = 9

Actual = 9

Response - Anaesthetics (Doctors)

Planned = 2

Actual = 2

Response - Pathology (Doctors)

Planned = 19

Actual = 19

Response – A&E (Doctors)

Planned = 19 (+1 on call)

A&E (Nurses)

Planned = 40

A&E (HCA's)

Planned = 12

Actual = 20 (+1 on call)

Actual = 37

Actual = 8

Response – FY1 / FY2 / Surgical REG Doctors Only

Planned = 4

Actual = 4

Also if existing NICE guidance for safe staffing in adult inpatient wards and in maternity settings were met on those dates.

Response – It is not an indicator that is met on a specific day in a specific area, NICE guidance for Nurse staffing incorporates a range of approaches to nurse staffing including organisational approach, setting establishments, and monitoring indicators of care and staff management etc.

We have applied the NICE guidance to our management of nurse staffing. For example we utilise the Shelford model for monitoring Acuity and dependency every 6 months in the acute general wards, or another example, we have implemented a red flag system for monitoring the recommended indicators however we are still working to improve that across all areas.

As refreshed guidance or actions are required from NHS England we also implement this, for example using Care Hours Per Patient Per Day as part of our monitoring for nurse staffing.

Please note the Isle of Wight NHS Trust came into existence on the 1.4.12 therefore we do not hold information prior to this date. If you require information prior to this date please contact the Department of Health.

Please note that this response does not constitute as consent for direct marketing.

A copy of this response will be published on the Trust website.

We would like to bring to your attention the unique set up of the Isle of Wight NHS Trust which serves a resident population of 140,000 with a substantial influx of tourists during the summer months. The Trust provides acute, ambulance, community, maternity, mental health services on the Isle of Wight. As the only fully integrated service provider in England with this unique range of services comparisons with other service providers are not always straightforward and may result in higher or lower reporting data.

This letter also confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request will be held on a database by the Trust. All hard copy correspondence relating to this request will be held for one year from the date of this letter, before being confidentially destroyed.

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If after this process you are still not satisfied with the response you receive from the Trust you can complain to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Team