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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: neonatal and paediatric critical care pharmacy staffing levels

I am writing in response to your request for information under the FOI 2000.

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. Please accept our sincere apologies for the delay.

Home, Community, Hospital.

FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
<p>1. For each centre within your trust that provides neonatal care, please answer:</p> <p>a. How many funded neonatal intensive care unit (ICU), neonatal high dependency unit (HDU) and special care baby unit (SCBU) cots are there?</p> <p>b. Does the centre have access to a senior pharmacist practising in neonatology at Agenda for Change (AFC) Band 8a or equivalent as a minimum?</p> <p>c. Does the centre have access to a senior pharmacist with experience in the provision of parenteral nutrition, where necessary?</p> <p>d. Do pharmacists working in neonatal care attend daily multidisciplinary ward rounds?</p> <p>e. How many pharmacists (whole time equivalent) working in neonatal care are active independent prescribers?</p>	<p>1a - SFH NICU is funded for 12 cots which are classified as: 2 x ITU (level 1) 4 x High Dependency (level 2) 6 x special care (level 3)</p> <p>b. In establishment yes – post currently vacant</p> <p>c. Yes</p> <p>d. In establishment yes – post currently vacant</p> <p>e. Role is expected to be an active independent prescriber when in post.</p>			

<p>f. Does the centre have access to medicines via the hospital dispensary 7 days a week, with regular stock top ups in accordance with demand, but no less than once a week?</p> <p>g. Does the centre have 5 day access to an aseptic and CIVA service where this is needed to provide bespoke parenteral nutrition or where there is substantial use of high risk intravenous medications?</p> <p>h. Does the centre provide a five day or seven day neonatal service? If this varies for different beds, please answer the below separately for each service.</p> <p>i. . How many clinical pharmacists work in neonatal care (whole time equivalent), and at what AfC band?</p> <p>ii. How many ward-based pharmacy technicians work in the neonatal care (whole time equivalent)?</p>	<p>f. Yes</p> <p>g. PN yes, CIVAS no</p> <p>h. If this varies for different beds, please answer the below separately for each service. 5 day when pharmacist in post</p> <p>i. 1 WTE band 8a when in post</p> <p>ii. 0 WTE</p>			
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<p>2. Does your trust have a paediatric critical care unit? For each paediatric critical care unit within your trust, please answer:</p> <p>a. How many funded paediatric level 2 and level 3 critical care beds are in the unit?</p> <p>b. Does the unit have access to a senior pharmacist practising in paediatric critical care, funded at Agenda for Change (AFC) Band 8a or equivalent as a minimum?</p> <p>c. Do pharmacists working in paediatric critical care attend daily multidisciplinary ward rounds?</p> <p>d. How many pharmacists (whole time equivalent) in the unit are active independent prescribers?</p> <p>e. Does the unit have access to medicines via the hospital dispensary 7 days a week, with</p>	<p>We don't have a separate funded paediatric critical care unit.</p> <p>We are funded to provide 2 level 2 paediatric High dependency beds with ward 25 footfall. We do not provide level 3 support - we would stabilise and transfer out to nearest level 3 PICU bed.</p> <p>In establishment yes – post currently vacant</p> <p>This is the aim once in post, the PICU beds have been created since the previous holder left</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Yes</p>			
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<p>regular stock top ups in accordance with demand, but no less than once a week?</p> <p>f. Does the unit provide a five day or seven day service? If this varies for different beds, please answer the below separately for each service.</p> <p>i. How many clinical pharmacists work in paediatric critical care (whole time equivalent), and at what AfC band?</p> <p>ii. How many ward-based pharmacy technicians work in the unit (whole time equivalent)?</p>	<p>This doesn't stipulate what it means by five or seven day service – if in relation to pharmacy then 5 day.</p> <p>i. 1 (8a) - In establishment yes – post currently vacant</p> <p>ii. 0</p>			
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I trust this information answers your request. Should you have any further enquiries or queries about this response please do not hesitate to contact me. However, if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, 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: Sally Brook Shanahan, Director of Corporate Affairs, King's Mill Hospital, Mansfield Road, Sutton in Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 4JL or email sally.brookshanahan@nhs.net.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance Team

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