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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000 - Request for Information Reference: UK
Epilepsy Specialist Nurse (ESN) workforce

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 not hold some of the information you have requested. A response to your request is provided below.

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FOI Request / Question	Question Response	Is there an exemption?	Exemption	Exemption Details
1. Approximate number of patients accessing epilepsy care in your Trust in the last 12 months?	This information is not held.	Yes	Section 16	Under Section 16 of the Act we have a duty to provide advice and assistance. Please contact Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust https://trustportal.nuh.nhs.uk/ who may hold this information.
2. Total number of epilepsy specialist nurses (ESNs) employed within your Trust? a) The number of ESNs which primarily serve an adult epilepsy population? b) The number of ESNs which primarily serve a paediatric epilepsy population? c) The number of ESNs which primarily serve an adult learning disability epilepsy population? d) The number of ESNs which primarily serve a paediatric learning disability epilepsy population	a) 0 b) 2 c) 0 d) 0	No	N/A	N/A
3. The number of ESNs employed within your Trust operating in the	a) 0 b) 0	No	N/A	N/A

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following Agenda for Change bands, providing a breakdown for each, for Headcount, WTE and vacant posts a) Band 4 b) Band 5 c) Band 6 d) Band 7 e) Band 8A f) Band 8B+	c) 1 – 0.93WTE d) 1 – 1.0 WTE e) 0 f) 0			
4. Do ESN staff from your Trust provide services to patients registered with other NHS Trusts? Yes/No a) If yes, please estimate the proportion of ESN FTE time spent in other Trusts? b) If yes, please provide the name of the Trusts that services are provided to?	Yes. a) Please refer to question 3 b) Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	No	N/A	N/A

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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