

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act - 2022.031 Released - 26 May 2022

Thank you for your email received 5 May 2022 requesting information regarding Learning Disability nurses.

Please find detailed below a summary of your request, together with our response.

Summary of your original request:

1. How many Learning Disability nurses in total have been employed by your trust over the last five years (please supply this information annually, from 2017 to 2022)? Please make sure each year includes the total number of Learning Disability nurses working for the trust that year. I am referring to RNLD as described here:

https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing/roles-nursing/learning-disabilitynurse.

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2017 - 36.83 WTE (41 headcount)
2018 - 35.53 WTE (40 headcount)
2019 - 33.53 WTE (40 headcount)
2020 - 34.13 WTE (39 headcount)
2021 - 29.33 WTE (36 headcount)
2022 - 34.03 WTE (39 headcount)
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2. Regarding the Learning Disability nurse, or nurses, currently employed by your trust, in which hospital(s) and/or other settings are they based? If the nurse(s) work across multiple settings, please include all of them.

Community-based

3. Could you share the hours worked by the Learning Disability nurse, or nurses, currently employed? For example, do they cover 9am-5pm or is there 24 hour provision?

Monday-Friday, 9-5pm

4. Could you share the band of the Learning Disability nurse, or nurses, currently employed by your trust?

Band 5-7 as Community LD Nurses.

Band 3-4 LD Nursing Healthcare Assistants.

Some RNLDs are employed in positions 8a and above in management positions.

5. Do you employ any other healthcare professionals with a learning disability speciality?

Occupational Therapists, Speech & Language Therapists, Physiotherapists, Vision & Hearing specialists.

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