

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act – 2022.160
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Thank you for your email received 13 September 2022 requesting information regarding out of hours GPs.

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

Summary of your original request:

- 1) The number of occasions in the past 12 months when there were no out-of-hours GPs on shift;***
- 2) What advice was given to patients who sought a GP during the period when none were available;***
- 3) What other staff were available during these occasions to provide assistance to patients;***
- 4) The number of patients who sought out of hours care while there were no GPs on duty in the past 12 months;***
- 5) The number of children who sought out of hours care while there were no GPs on duty in the past 12 months;***
- 6) The number of occasions when an out of hours centre was closed due to lack of staff in the past 12 months;***
- 7) The number of occasions when just one GP has been on duty for an out of hours shift in your area in the past 12 months***

The Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust does not employ out of hours GPs; therefore we do not hold information for questions 1-7 of your request.

- 8) The total number of patients in your region.***

The Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust is one of the largest NHS community health providers in England, serving a population of about 1.4 million across Kent and 600,000 in East Sussex and London.

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