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Kiara Vincent
Via WhatDoTheyKnow.com

Dear Ms Vincent,

I am writing in response to your email dated 19th July 2015 (received in this office 20th July 2015) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Trust consultants.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 The number of Consultants currently employed within your Trust

A1 Headcount of 473 (427.67 WTE) as at 30th June 2015

Q2 The number of Consultants currently employed within your Trust who have actively opted out of non-emergency weekend working.

A2 We do not offer an “opt out” to consultants. Consultants negotiate their working patterns according to service need. These working patterns are agreed in job plans and may or may not include emergency on-call.

This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



Helen Grocott
Information Governance Manager