

Freedom of Information Request: 0631 2019/20

- 1. I would like a list of all sites owned by the trust where patients may stay overnight.**

Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham
Heartlands Hospital
Solihull Hospital
Good Hope Hospital

- 2. How many beds are there on each site?**

Queen Elizabeth Hospital – 1,200 beds approx

Heartlands Hospital – 593 beds approx

Solihull Hospital – 502 beds approx

Good Hope Hospital – 196 beds approx

- 3. What is the training level of the most senior doctor who should be on site each night (e.g. FY1, FY2, ST1 etc)? If this varies between wards/departments, please provide details.**
- 4. In the past year, how many times has the most senior doctor on site/ward overnight been at a lower training level than this, and what was their training level on each occasion?**
- 5. In the past year, how many times has the most senior doctor on each site overnight been a locum? On how many occasions was that locum at a lower training level than specified as ideal by trust policy?**

Each speciality will decide on the appropriate level of cover for all clinical issues in that speciality and this ranges from nursing, medical staff and other staff.

Many of the sites where the Trust has 'beds' have doctors at a number of grades working shifts but they cover specific specialities and are not necessarily site specific. All sites will also have consultant cover which for most 'out of hours' periods will be part of an on-call system. However, all on-call systems are built around the service requirements for each speciality area and are not necessarily site specific.

The Trust does hold the information you have requested, however we estimate that compliance with your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit under section 12 of the Freedom of information Act 2000. This is currently £450. The appropriate limit would be exceeded if it would require more than 18 hours work.

With an estimated 46 specialties shared around 4 sites, if every speciality took 2 hours to work out the figures for your answer, it would take approximately 150 hours, which well exceeds the statutory time limit.

Rather than refusing your request at this stage, I would like to explore with you how we may best assist you to request relevant information which we hold. If you can specify a small number of specialties we may be able to provide this within the cost limit.