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Hours Worked by Doctors in Public and Private Sector and Number of ICU/Critical Care Beds – January 2011 – October 2021

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please send me:

A breakdown of on average how many hours per week doctors worked in the public sector Vs how many hours per week worked in the private sector by year from January 2011 – October 2021

Year (Apr - Mar)	Average Hours per Week	Head Count	Average Weekly Hours Per Head
13/14	36052.43	898	40.15
14/15	36578.42	911	40.15
15/16	37873.02	959	39.49
16/17	39243.28	997	39.36
17/18	41001.05	1039	39.46
18/19	41411.94	1020	40.60
19/20	42294.06	1057	40.01
20/21	43808.86	1126	38.91
21/22	43141.31	1113	38.76

Figures above are provided for Belfast Health and Social Care Trust doctors. This will only include figures taken from HRPTS records, prior to that would involve manual checking and would require more than 18 hours.

The Belfast Trust is not able to provide information in relation to the average hours worked by doctors in the private sector, as we do not hold this information. To provide the information would involve manual checking, which would take more than 18 hours. Belfast Trust considers that the cost of retrieving the information would be above the 'Appropriate Limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information Act under Section 12.

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Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit. The limit has been specified as £450 for public authorities such as Belfast Trust. This represents the cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

Number of Critical Care beds from January 2011 – October 2021

Adult Critical Care Beds

	Belfast Trust Critical Care Beds	Cardiac Critical Care beds
April 2010 - March 2011	40	18
April 2011 - March 2012	40	18
April 2012 - March 2013	40	18
April 2013 - March 2014	40	18
April 2014 - March 2015	40	18
April 2015 - March 2016	40	18
April 2016 - March 2017	40	18
April 2017 - March 2018	42	18
April 2018 - March 2019	42	18
April 2019 - March 2020	42	18
April 2020 - March 2021 (increased due to Covid)	Max-72	18
April 2021- Sept 2021 (increased due to Covid)	Max-50	20

Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children (RBHSC)

There are 12 Paediatric Critical Care beds in RBHSC.

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Neo-natal Service

The neo-natal service have the following cots:

Level 1 (ICU)	9
Level 2 (HDU)	9
Level 3 (Special Care)	11
Total	29