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Hospital Social Workers

1. Number of hospital social workers currently employed by your Trust (expressed as number of staff and as Full Time Equivalent, excluding vacancies)

1 band 6 social worker 37.5 hrs, Commissioned post in AMHIC is 1 37.5 hrs
73.05 WTE across all grades
2.4 WTE currently in post Royal Jubilee Maternity Hospital
0.5 WTE Band 7 Royal Jubilee Maternity Hospital
5.94 WTE Band 6 Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children
0.5 WTE Band 7 Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children

Total: 82.39 WTE (This does not include Vacancies)

2. Number of non-social work registered staff currently employed in hospital social work teams (care managers, assessment officers, assistant social workers etc) (expressed as number of staff and as Full Time Equivalent, excluding vacancies)

3.0 WTE AfC Band 4 Social Care Assessors and they are registered with the
regulatory body in NI

Total: 3 WTE

3. Number of vacancies for social workers and non-social work registered staff currently employed in hospital social work teams (expressed as number of posts and Full Time Equivalent)

7.0 WTE AfC Band 5/6 Social Workers – in progress via Regional Social Work
Recruitment Process
1.0 WTE AfC Band 8A Assistant Service Manager (Social Worker)

Total: 8.0 WTE

4. Are these hospital social workers managed by a registered social worker?

Yes

5. Do these hospital social workers have an office base within an NHS hospital / other NHS premises?

Yes

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6. If your Trust does not employ hospital social workers, please give the name of the body that does employ hospital social workers in your area.

The Trust directly employs hospital Social Workers.

'Hospital social workers' include employees registered with a social work regulator, who spend more than 50% of their working time facilitating hospital discharge or providing other social work services to inpatients of acute NHS services, excluding mental health. 'Non-social work registered staff' includes staff who provide a similar service to social workers, but who are not registered with a social work regulator. Please do not include any staff whose posts are funded by the NHS or other bodies, but whose contract of employment is with the local authority.