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Social Work job post

I understand that interviews are to be held soon, in the coming week, for a temporary social work post in the RBHSC to be concerned with children with brain tumours. In relation to those interviews can you provide me with the following information:

1. How many people applied for this post that was advertised in an internal trawl to be initially for 6 months?

Less than 5. We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under section 40(2) of the FOI Act - as this could make persons personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018.

2. How many people were shortlisted for interview for this post?

Less than 5. We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under section 40(2) of the FOI Act - as this could make persons personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulations 2018.

3. While the advertisement for this post indicated that it was initially for 6 months, how many of the applicants for the post were aware that there was funding for this post for three years?

Information requested is not recorded by the Trust.

4. Of those who applied, how many were already working in the RBHSC as social workers (including temporarily or as as temporary across site basis) when the post was advertised?

Given the low numbers involved we are unable to provide personal details relating to individual job applicants. This is exempt from release under section 40(2) of the FOI Act. Information of a personal nature is exempt from release where its disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the UK General Data Protection Regulations 2018.

5. How many of the candidates who applied are previously known to members of the interview panel?

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- 6. How many of the interview panel are currently involved or responsible for providing care/social services for patients in the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children (RBHSC)?**

Two out of three

- 7. How many of the candidates were previously known to some members of the panel to have previously worked with cancer patients onsite ?**

Information requested is not recorded by the Trust.

- 8. Of the candidates for this post, were any of them previously involved in creating a business plan for this post in collaboration with either/or both (Named Person) and (Named Person) ?**

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- 9. Were any of the candidates involved in discussions with medical professionals in**

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- 10. Have any of the candidates for this post already been provided with a private office within the confines of Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children (RBHSC)?**

No Social Worker within RBHSC has a private office except for the Senior Social Worker who has an allocated office.

- 11. How many of the candidates who applied that were aware that that there was funding for 3 years as in question 3 above(as was known to all social workers working in the RBHSC at the time of the advertisement)above also are candidates in response to questions 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10?**

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