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End Stage Kidney Disease Professionals

I am looking to establish the Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) numbers of Health Care Professionals (HCPs) with both Renal and Palliative Care services who work directly with people with End Stage Kidney Disease employed in the Trust. This should include the WTE of Medical Officers (all grades), Pharmacists, Social Workers, Dietitians and Renal Psychologist Counsellors, Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists.

Cancer and Specialist Services Directorate

Nurse Team Lead	1.0 WTE works across Belfast City Hospital (BCH), Mater Infirmary Hospital (MIH) and Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH)			
Nurse Consultant	1.0 WTE works across Belfast Trust, Queens University Belfast and Marie Curie Hospice.			
	BCH	MIH	Musgrave Park Hospital	RVH
	WTE	WTE	WTE	WTE
Nurse Specialist	5.7	2.4	0.6	4.5
Consultant in Palliative Medicine (total)	2.1	0.5	0.3	1.2

The Hospital Supportive and Specialist Palliative Care Team are referred patients with advanced, progressive, life limiting illnesses, such as End Stage Organ Failure (e.g. Renal), from the time of diagnosis and active treatment through to end of life care.

A range of professionals would be involved in the care of patients with End Stage Renal Disease. This would be determined by the patient's individual needs at any given time. No specific dedicated team provide care for this particular group of patients.

Pharmacy

Pharmacists are not funded specifically for provision of Renal and Palliative Care services (who work directly with people with End Stage Kidney Disease).

Nephrology and Transplant Services:

Within Nephrology, there is one WTE B7 Specialist Nurse and 0.8 WTE Band 6 Specialist Nurse for this patient group.

The Ward and Outpatient Team are not funded specifically for provision of end stage care.

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Social Work Service

Hospital Social Work are not funded specifically for provision of Renal and Palliative Care services (who work directly with people with End Stage Kidney Disease), although they do work with these patients as and when they are referred for social work intervention to support with care / discharge planning across all acute / sub-acute sites.

Physiotherapy Service

Physiotherapy is not funded specifically for provision of Renal and Palliative Care services (to work directly with people with End Stage Kidney Disease), but it forms part of a number of clinician's job roles, which would equate to approx. 0.3 Band 7.

Occupational Therapy Service (OT)

OT is not funded explicitly for provision of Renal and Palliative Care services (to work directly with people with End Stage Kidney Disease). It is not possible to identify how much of a WTE job is spent on this client group, as it would be part of a number of clinician's caseloads across our hospital and community services.

Nutrition and Dietetics Service

Nutrition and Dietetics have a funded service for both Renal (4.93 WTE Belfast City Hospital Renal Service) and Palliative Care (0.7 WTE community-based) services, which would include End Stage Kidney Disease and would be a part of a number of clinician's caseloads.

Psychology Service

There is a 0.8 WTE Consultant Clinical Psychologist in Renal – the remit of this post is to support the Regional Transplant Service. An additional B7 post was due to be funded in a 2nd year of funding, but this has never progressed.