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Emergency Department Staffing, Budget and Attendances

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request the following information related to your Emergency Department that is a Major Trauma Centre.

- 1. Total number of Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) consultants currently employed within the Emergency Unit, regardless of employment status.**

As at August 2024, 18.40WTE Consultants are employed within the Emergency Department that is a Major Trauma Centre.

- 2. Total number of WTE NHS locum consultants currently employed within the Emergency Unit.**

As at August 2024, 1.0WTE Locum Consultant is employed within the Emergency Department that is a Major Trauma Centre.

- 3. Consultant night cover arrangements: Please include details of the number of resident/non-resident consultants in the department.**

Resident Consultants	Non-Resident Consultants
0	Mon – Fri: 1 Sat – Sun: 2

- 4. Total number of WTE middle grades currently employed within the Emergency Unit, regardless of employment status.**

As at August 2024, 23.12WTE middle grades are employed within the Emergency Department that is a Major Trauma Centre

- 5. Total number of WTE middle grades currently employed within the Emergency Unit who are enrolled in a Royal College of Emergency Medicine (RCEM) training program.**

As at August 2024, 10.50 WTE middle grades are employed within the Emergency Department that is a Major Trauma Centre who are enrolled in a RCEM training programme.

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6. Breakdown of shift patterns for middle grades across a 24-hour period.

From	To
08:00	16:00
08:00	17:00
13:00	21:00
14:30	22:30
16:00	00:00
18:00	02:00
22:00	08:30

7. If middle grades are split into early, late, and night shifts, the planned number of middle grades on each shift.

From	To	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Shift period		Planned Number of middle grades						
08:00	16:00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	5.00
08:00	17:00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00		
13:00	21:00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		
14:30	22:30	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00
16:00	00:00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
18:00	02:00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
22:00	08:30	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
		14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	15.00	15.00

Note: The boxed area in the table above indicates some flexibility in shift start / finish time. The table shows a typical allocation.

8. Average number of middle grades working on each early, late, and night shift.

From	To	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Shift period		Average of middle grades working						
08:00	16:00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	5.00
08:00	17:00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00		
13:00	21:00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		
14:30	22:30	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00
16:00	00:00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.00	2.00
18:00	02:00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00
22:00	08:30	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
		14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	13.00	13.00

Note: The boxed area in the table above indicates some flexibility in shift start / finish time. The table shows the average allocation.

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9. Total number of locum middle grade shifts completed per month.

In the 6-month period April to September 2024, the average number of middle grade shifts completed per month is 202.

10. Total number of WTE junior grades (F2-CT2 or equivalent) currently employed within the Emergency Unit, regardless of employment status.

As at August 2024, 28.80WTE junior grades (F2 – CT2 or equivalent) are employed within the Emergency Department that is a Major Trauma Centre.

11. Number of WTE at each Band (regardless of employment status) working within the Emergency Unit under admin and clerical roles.

Questions 15 appears to be requesting similar information. We have understood this question to be requesting Admin and Clerical costs specifically for non-senior manager roles as at August 2024.

Admin/Clerical WTE by Band	
Band 2	0.00
Band 3	23.00
Band 4	13.05
Band 5	0.00
Band 6	2.00
Band 7	0.00
	38.05

Note: Band 4 Admin and Clerical are a shared resource between departments. The figure shown indicates the WTE effort attributable to the Emergency Department that is a Major Trauma Centre.

12. Number of WTE at each Band (regardless of employment status) working within the Emergency Unit under nursing roles.

As at August 2024, Nursing WTE by band employed within the Emergency Department that is a Major Trauma Centre is set out below:

Band	WTE
Band 7	9.09
Band 6	22.28
Band 5	94.13
Band 4	Not applicable to Nursing role
Band 3	27.07
Band 2	0.00
Total WTE	152.57

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13. Total number of stop clocks as a percentage of total pathways per month over the past 12 months.

We are not familiar with the terminology “stop clocks” and therefore are unclear what information is being requested.

14. Total WTE split by Band within the management, admin, and clerical cost centre.

With reference to questions 11 and 15, we are unclear what differentiated information is specifically required in response to this question.

15. Total WTE split by Band within the management, admin, and clerical cost centre, including those under senior manager or manager job titles.

Question 11 appears to be requesting similar information. We have understood this question to request Admin and Clerical costs specifically for senior manager roles. As at August 2024:

Admin/Clerical WTE by band	
Band 8A	1.00
Band 8B	1.00
	2.00

16. Total admin and clerical budget for the financial year 2023/2024 and 2024/2025.

Total Admin & Clerical budget for the Emergency Department, which is also a Major Trauma Centre:

2023/24: £1,266,760

2024/25: £1,319,729

In addition, I would also like to request the following information relating to your Emergency Department that is also a Major Trauma Centre:

1. Total adult attendances for the last 12 months (August 2024 - August 2023).

Outlined below is the total number of New Adult Attendances at the Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH) Emergency Department between August 2023 and August 2024 (split by pathway):

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Arrival Month	Total RVH ED Attendances	RVH ED	Urgent Care Centre
Aug-23	8,909	6,898	2,011
Sep-23	8,496	6,487	2,009
Oct-23	8,887	6,500	2,387
Nov-23	8,730	6,260	2,470
Dec-23	8,096	5,788	2,308
Jan-24	8,451	5,995	2,456
Feb-24	8,187	5,861	2,326
Mar-24	8,793	6,568	2,225
Apr-24	8,287	6,225	2,062
May-24	8,561	6,563	1,998
Jun-24	7,843	6,290	1,553
Jul-24	8,082	6,513	1,569
Aug-24	8,025	6,467	1,558

2. Total paediatric attendances for the last 12 months (August 2024 - August 2023).

The Royal Victoria Hospital Emergency Department is for adults only. Paediatrics are treated at the Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children (RBHSC), which is not designated a Major Trauma Centre.

3. Total number of 12-hour breaches in all Emergency Departments per month that requires national reporting against this measure (August 2024 - August 2023).

The number of Emergency Department attendances waiting over 12 hours to be admitted or treated and discharged in the Emergency Departments that report national statistics.

Departure Month	RVH ED	Mater Infirmorum Hospital (MIH) ED	RBHSC ED
Aug-23	2194	471	10
Sep-23	2067	434	11
Oct-23	1874	538	45
Nov-23	2022	582	81
Dec-23	1841	557	43
Jan-24	2167	749	56
Feb-24	2009	702	93
Mar-24	2319	568	73
Apr-24	2071	568	44
May-24	2099	659	27
Jun-24	2556	689	15
Jul-24	2215	698	4
Aug-24	2093	613	5

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- 4. Total number of 24-hour breaches in all Emergency Departments per month that requires national reporting against this measure (August 2024 - August 2023).**

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust do not provide figures against this measure for national statistics.

- 5. Average wait times to be seen over the last 12 months in any Emergency Department that requires national reporting against this measure (August 2024 - August 2023).**

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust do not provide figures against this measure for national statistics.

Notes:-

The above figures were sourced from the Belfast Trust Emergency Department Information System.