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## Consultant Staffing Levels, Rota Gaps & Patient Safety Alerts in Vascular Services RVH

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. Consultant staffing levels - Monthly headcount of consultant surgeons in Vascular services at the Royal Victoria Hospital for the period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024.

Monthly Head count of Consultants from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2024								
Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22
10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23
10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23	Jan-24	Feb-24
10	10	10	11	11	11	11	11	11
Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24
11	11	10	9	9	8	9	9	9
Dec-24								
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2. Rota gaps - copies of any internal rota gap reports, escalation logs, or workforce risk assessments relating to consultant cover in the same speciality and time period.

Any gaps in the consultant rota have always been covered internally, no risk assessments relating to consultant cover. There are no such documents.

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**3. Patient Safety Alerts - details (date, summary, risk grading) of any patient safety incidents or "red flag" events reported in the same speciality and time period.**

Vascular medical workforce availability is recorded on the Divisional Risk Register and recent medical workforce shortages were notified to the Department of Health and other agencies as an Early Alert on 24 March 2025.