

23 September 2025

Cardiac Surgery Unit Staff Rotas

Please provide the following information for the period December 01 2024 to July 31 2025: Copies of staffing rotas for the Cardiac Surgery Unit at the Royal Victoria Hospital.

To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl of records. Due to the sheer volume of daily manual and electronic rotas for the period you have specified, we estimate that compliance with this request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit.

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting that information.

It is therefore exempt from release.

However, in order to be helpful, below is a summary of the average staffing requirements for this Unit at the Royal Victoria Hospital:

Staffing Group	Location	No. on Duty per day	Days	Average Shift Times
Consultant Surgeon	Theatres & Ward	<5	Monday – Friday	07:30 – 19:00
Consultant Anaesthetist	Theatres & Critical Care	<5	Monday – Friday	07:30 – 19:30
Consultant Surgeon	Clinic	<5	Monday – Wednesday	09:00 – 13:00
Consultant Surgeon	On Call	<5	Monday – Sunday	24 hours to include ward rounds 08.00am-08:00am
Consultant Anaesthetist	On Call	<5	Monday – Sunday	24 hours to include ward rounds 08.00am-08:00am

Where numbers are low, we have stated less than five rather than give the actual figure. This is to ensure our staff remain non-identifiable.