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Re: Freedom of Information Request
Ref: 246-2020

Thank you for your email dated the 23rd October 2020, requesting information in relation to Physician Associates.

The information that you require is as follows:

**1. How many Physician Associates are currently working in your trust?
(please can you include their pay banding and department)**

Number of PA's	Department	Pay Band
4	Integrated Care	7

**2. How many Physician Associate vacancies are currently available?
(please can you include their pay banding and department)**

There are currently no Physician Associates vacancies available.

3. How many Physician Associates are you planning to employ?

We currently only plan on employing 4 Physician Associates.

4. Please may you disclose if there are currently any business cases being drawn up to try to employ physician associates, and if so please can you send as much detail as possible regarding this.

There are no business cases currently being developed in relation to Physician Associates.

5. Has there been any rejected or failed business cases to employ physician associates and why wasn't it accepted?

There have been no rejected or failed business cases in relation to Physician Associates.

6. If physician associates are employed in your trust, how do their staff satisfaction surveys compare to other staff members, particularly doctors?

The surveys completed to date do not break down to the level of detail required in order to be able to identify feedback from these roles specifically. This is due to the small number of physician associates employed and the Trusts commitment to support the anonymity of feedback.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on the email address provided below.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for this to be investigated internally.

If you are dissatisfied with the information you have received, you have the right to ask for an internal review.

Both processes will be handled in accordance with our Trust's Freedom of Information Policy and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Internal investigation and internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Review, The Clatterbridge Cancer Centre NHS Foundation Trust, Clatterbridge Road, Bebington, Wirral, CH63 4JY

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal investigation/review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

In order for us to ensure customer satisfaction and to monitor compliance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we would be grateful if you could take a couple of minutes to complete a short feedback form via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/H39RFMM>