

Date: **31 October 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5489**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information, which we have processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your following request for information:

Your Request

I would like to know the number of staff you having working in the Rheumatology service, broken down by discipline. I would like to know actual numbers of staff as well as whole time equivalents.

Our Response

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust has responded to your request for information in the following table *

Speciality	Role	WTE actual
Rheumatology	Consultant	5.5- 8 individuals
Rheumatology	Specialist Registrar	3.00
Rheumatology	Trust Grade SPR	2.60
Rheumatology	Nurse Band 7	2.98
Rheumatology	Nurse Band 6	1.00
Rheumatology	Occupational Therapist Band 7	1.00
Rheumatology	A&C 5	1.00
Rheumatology	A&C 4	4.22
Rheumatology	A&C 3	2.11
Rheumatology	Technician Band 7	0.00

Please Note: *The above information relates to just the Rheumatology Department. However, we may have other departments delivering a service relating to rheumatology, such as, physiotherapists, psychologists; which is not centrally recorded information. Further enquiries would need to be carried out with the relevant departments to conduct a search of their records to identify and locate the information. This level of work has been estimated to exceed the 18 hour cost limit stipulated for processing a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 12(1) of the FOIA allows the Trust to refuse a request where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for Section 12 purposes is defined by The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 - SI 2004 No. 3244 ('Fees Regulation').

Under regulation 3 of the Fees Regulation the appropriate cost limit for the Trust is £450. The Fees Regulation also states that all authorities should calculate the time spent on the permitted activities at the flat rate of £25 per person, per hour. This means that the appropriate limit will be exceeded, if it would require more than 18 hours' work for the Trust to carry out the following activities in complying with the request:

- determining whether the information is held
- locating the information, or a document containing it;
- retrieving the information, or a document containing it; and
- extracting the information from a document containing it.

Please note:

The information we have provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We hope the information provided is sufficient and helpful in answering your questions; or any issues or concerns. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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Should you remain dissatisfied with the response you have received to your request for information, please contact the FOI Team to enable your questions or any concerns you have to be addressed. Alternatively, you are entitled to make a request for an internal review within two months from the receipt date of our final response to your original request. You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team
Great Ormond Street Hospital
LONDON
WC1N 3JH

If, however, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review then you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner as the final stage of the FOI process. You can contact the Information Commissioner's Office at the following address:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF