

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

RF24-024

Request:

1. The number of planned hours (anticipated or scheduled work hours allocated) and actual hours (real or recorded work hours completed) for Junior Doctors' (referring to: FY1, FY2, Specialty Trainees, Specialty Registrars, GP Specialty Trainees, Senior House Officers) day and night shifts
2. The proportion (expressed as a %) of total Junior Doctor shifts that did not meet planned staffing levels
3. The number of planned hours (anticipated or scheduled work hours allocated) and actual hours (real or recorded work hours completed) for Registered Nurses' day and night shifts
4. The proportion (expressed as a %) of total Registered Nurse shifts that did not meet planned staffing levels

Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

However, we are unable to comply with your request as the cost of responding to all parts would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 for NHS bodies, as defined in section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. The £450 limit is reached by using a standard charge-out rate of £25 an hour, which equates to 18 hours' work.

EKHUFT does not currently have an electronic rostering system for doctors. The rotas are currently in paper format and to locate all rotas back to 2018, extract and collate this information would exceed the appropriate cost limit.

We have considered ways in which your request might be narrowed or limited in order to reduce the cost of complying with it. We consider that it would be possible to answer questions three and four of your request within the appropriate cost limit, should you wish to submit a new request for this information only.

(DATE OF RESPONSE: 18 JANUARY 2024)