



Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 16/17: 483

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 19/12/16.

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):

- 1. How many registered children's nurses (Whole Time Equivalent) are employed at your organisation? Please list by clinical area.**

Acute Children's wards RSCN 44.78 WTE
Neonatal ward –RSCN 9.8 WTE
Child Development centre RSCN 2.9

- 2. How many support workers (Whole Time Equivalent, bands 1-4) are working in your children's service? Please list by clinical area.**

Acute Children's wards –15.66 WTE,
Neonatal ward –7.14 WTE
Outpatients – 1.98 WTE

- 3. How many nurses (Whole Time Equivalent) deliver your community children's nursing service? Please list by clinical area.**

5.96 WTE

- 4. How many clinical specialist children's nurses do you have in your service? Please list their clinical specialisms, e.g. 1x haematology; 2x epilepsy.**

Diabetes service – 2.92 WTE
Constipation service –0.2 WTE
Cystic Fibrosis –1 WTE
Epilepsy –1 WTE
HIV (county wide service) –0.75 WTE
Haematology (county wide honorary contract) 0.6 WTE

- 5. How many advanced neonatal nurse practitioners do you have in your service?**

1 WTE

- 6. How many advanced paediatric nurse practitioners do you have in your service?**

None

- 7. Do you have transition (children's to adults' services) nursing roles? If yes, how many? Do any have clinical specialisms? If so, please list their clinical specialisms, e.g. 1x haematology; 2x epilepsy.**

No – each specialist nurse (as above) undertakes the transitional role for their specialism.

- 8. Do you employ a play specialist?**

Yes

- 9. How many inpatient beds are there designated for children and young people? Please provide a number against the following and list by clinical area:**

- a. Neonates - 20
- b. Children's - 50
- c. Adolescents – Included in above number, no designated adolescent beds.

- 10. What were the key gaps in knowledge and skills within the children's nursing workforce identified by your most recent Training Needs Analysis or courses commissioned through Non-Medical Education and Training (NMET)?**

- With the decrease of RN child nurses and increase in adult nurses employed within the Paediatric areas, an appropriate post registration course to upskill this group of staff is an essential requirement which is currently unavailable.
- A need for Paediatric specific AP courses at local level.
- Increased local places for degree modules in children's community nursing and children's palliative care.
- Post registration module in Children's mental health.
- Local courses for QIS in neonatal care.
- Local modules for children's high dependency care.
- Increased training places for pre- registration students.
- Accessibility of Advanced Paediatric Nurse Practitioner courses.