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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2019/0451

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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Unfortunately there is no data available for February during these years. Information can be provided for the end of financial year, for 2016 to 2019 if that would be of use.

There is not the data for the number of children as Trust caseload does not include children up to 5 years old.

Please could you provide responses to the questions below? I have also included the FOI request email in case this needs to go through the formal route. I have included references to other local authorities in the questions below, as I am aware some Trusts provide Health Visiting services for multiple local authorities.

Regarding the clinical staff in your health visiting teams for Herefordshire Council, on 1st February of 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019:

- 1. How many whole time equivalent clinical staff (with caseloads) coded as health visitors, were employed in your health visiting teams? Please provide this information broken down by NHS pay band.*
- 2. How many whole time equivalent clinical staff (with caseloads) who are NOT coded as health visitors were employed in your health visiting teams? Please provide this information broken down by NHS pay band.*
- 3. How many children under-5 years of age were there in your local authority area? (also on 1st February of 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019)*
- 4. Currently, who is the responsible manager for the health visiting service? Please also provide their email address.*

We have found that the attached table makes it clear exactly what we are requesting - please use this as a template.

Regarding the questions above:

- Please provide the information in tabular electronic form (e.g. excel, word, or txt file) in the attached format.

Glen Burley, Chief Executive

Russell Hardy, Chairman

- If you are unable to provide data for 1st February, please provide it for the nearest available date and advise what this date is.
- For your answers, please either use the NHS Digital definition of health visitor or alternatively provide the definition that you are using in your answer.

Definitions:

Definition used by NHS Digital re. Health visitors (notes 28 and 29 from the nursing, midwifery and health visiting staff matrix of Occupation Code Manual):

28. Please ensure to code the following as Health Visitors:

- * qualified nurses/midwives who also hold a qualification as a Registered Health Visitor under the Specialist Community Public Health Nursing part of the NMC Register working directly with children and families;
- * qualified and registered Health Visitors who perform specific activities such as providing breastfeeding advice to parents;
- * family nurses working within the Family Nurse Partnership Programme who are qualified and registered as Health Visitors;
- * Sure Start Children's Centre qualified and registered named Health Visitors;
- * managers within a Health visiting team who hold a health visiting qualification and registration and are involved in clinical work or safeguarding.

29. Please ensure that the following employees are not coded as Health Visitors:

- * any person working in a health visiting team who does not hold a qualification and registration as a Health Visitor;
- * any person who holds a qualification and registration as a Health Visitor but is not employed in a role where this is a requirement;
- * managers within a health visiting team who hold health visiting qualification and registration but are not involved in clinical work or safeguarding.

Please see below the general definition for 'health visitor' from the Occupation Code Manual:

Health Visitor: an employee who holds a qualification as a Registered Health Visitor under the Specialist Community Public Health Nursing part of the NMC Register and who occupies a post where such a qualification is a requirement. Not below Agenda for Change Band 6.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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