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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2020/0153

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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Please see attached spreadsheet for the Trust's response.

We are writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from NHS Wye Valley Trust. We are seeking this information to build the evidence base on health visiting, in order to bring health visiting back up the policy agenda and prevent further funding cuts. Professor Conti's work is supported by the European Research Council via the prestigious ERC Consolidator Award, and it has been awarded the highest recognition to a junior academic in the UK, namely the Philip Leverhulme Prize in Economics.

Regarding your health visiting teams for Herefordshire Council on the 1st February 2020:

1. How many full time equivalent (FTE) health visitors were employed in your health visiting teams? Please provide this information broken down by NHS pay band.
2. How many full time equivalent (FTE) health visitors with caseload were employed in your health visiting teams? Please provide this information broken down by NHS pay band.
3. How many FTE clinical staff who are NOT coded as health visitors were employed in your health visiting teams? Please provide this information broken down by NHS pay band.
4. How many FTE clinical staff who are NOT coded as health visitors with caseload were employed in your health visiting teams? Please provide this information broken down by NHS pay band.
5. What was the total caseload (number of children under-5 years of age) of your health visiting teams?

Regarding how Covid-19 and NHS England's "Covid-19 prioritisation within Community Health Services" that was announced on the 19th March 2020 has affected your health visiting teams for Herefordshire Council:

6. What is the maximum number of FTE health visitors that have been/were redeployed because of COVID-19 to date? Please also provide the date that the information refers to.

7. What is the maximum number of FTE clinical staff working exclusively in health visiting teams (NOT coded as health visitors) that have been/were redeployed because of Covid-19 to date? Please also provide the date that the information refers to.

- These staff may be in the following roles: SCPHN school nurses, skill mix staff community nursery nurses, staff nurses in health visiting teams, student health visitors and other skill mix staff working directly with families.
- If possible, where a practitioner has a split role and does not work exclusively for a HV team, please only report on the number of WTE that work exclusively for the HV team.

The attached table makes it clear exactly what we are requesting - please use this as a template.

Regarding the questions above:

- Please provide the date that the data refers to, if you hold this information
- 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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<https://www.wyevalley.nhs.uk/about-us/information-requests/freedom-of-information-requests.aspx>

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Wycliffe House,
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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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