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**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2020/0229**

Thank you for your request for information.

Wye Valley NHS Trust responds:

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**If you could please respond to the following questions:**

1. How many Physician Associates are currently working in your trust? (please can you include their pay banding and department)

**8.88 whole time equivalent (1wte = 36 hours per week) all employed in the below listed areas.**

General Surgery
General Surgery
Paediatrics
Cardiology
Respiratory Medicine
Gastroenterology
Elderly Care Medicine
Stroke

2. How many Physician Associate vacancies are currently available? (please can you include their pay banding and department)

**There are no vacancies out to advert currently for Physicians’ Associates at Wye Valley NHS Trust.**

3. How many Physician Associates are you planning to employ?

**There are 9.88 wte post budgeted and therefore the Trust would look to recruit up to budgeted establishment but currently there are no plans to take on any more Physicians’ Associates over and above the current budgeted establishment at this time.**

4. Please may you disclose if there are currently any business cases being drawn up to try to employ physician associates, and if so please can you send as much detail as possible regarding this.

**None currently.**

5. Has there been any rejected or failed business cases to employ physician associates and why wasn’t it accepted?

**Not Applicable (NA).**

6. If physician associates are employed in your trust, how do their staff satisfaction surveys compare to other staff members, particularly doctors?

**The staff survey does not allow for the breakdown of information to this level currently and therefore a comparison is unable to be made.**

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

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