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From: Commercial
Date: 15 January 2015
Subject: Non-medical prescribers

Q1 I would be grateful if you could, in respect of the past five years, provide me with the number of nurses in your Trust, broken down by qualification category, that are employed as NMPs. If possible, I would like to have the details of the number of items they have prescribed - including BNF chapters - for each month or each quarter in that period.

A1 The Trust has 29 NMPs who are nurses, 2 NMPS who are physiotherapists, 2 are pharmacists.

All hold V300 qualification with exception of 1 physiotherapist.

Q2 I would also like to know if there are any on-site pharmacies within your Trust and, if so, the number of pharmacist prescribers within them and the items prescribed over the five year period referred to above.

A2 One onsite pharmacy

Post-EPR period (after 26 June 2013):

month	items
07/2013	326
08/2013	358
09/2013	442
10/2013	407
11/2013	500
12/2013	310
01/2014	394
02/2014	430
03/2014	357
04/2014	259
05/2014	282
06/2014	294
07/2014	386
08/2014	384
09/2014	258
10/2014	263
11/2014	311
12/2014	196

Pre-EPR records (before 26 June 2013):

We do hold this information however the time taken to collate the information would exceed 18 hours and the appropriate fees limit.

In order to comply we would need to develop & validate a report to extract the data and run the report (12 reports per NMP (3yrs x 4 quarters) x 33 NMP x 0.5hrs per report to run). To do this we estimate it would take 204 hours and therefore under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Trust are exempt from disclosing this information.