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Subject: Recruitment of Physician Associates

Q1 How many Physician Associates are currently working in your trust? (please can you include their pay banding and department)

A1 1 x Band 6
6 x Band 7

Q2 How many Physician Associate vacancies are currently available? (please can you include their pay banding and department)

A2 Zero.

Q3 How many Physician Associates are you planning to employ?

A3 We are looking to review and employ across the Primary Care Network (PCN) system, and not LHCH as such. Cannot state numbers at this moment in time.

Q4 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.

A4 Information not held – there are no business cases currently being written to employ physician associates.

Q5 Has there been any rejected or failed business cases to employ physician associates and why wasn't it accepted?

A5 No.

Q6 If physician associates are employed in your trust, how do their staff satisfaction surveys compare to other staff members, particularly doctors?

A6 We are currently in the middle of the staff survey and results are not available.