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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6153**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 31st January 2024.

Your request was as follows:

I would like information on your trust's acute learning disability liaison service, which is a team that is specifically trained in caring for people with a learning disability following admission to an acute hospital.

Please answer the following 3 questions under the Freedom of Information Act and see example answers as a guide.

1.  Does your trust have an acute learning disability liaison service? Yes/No

I.  If so, what year was it set up and first became active? [For example: 2011]

II.  What are the service team's working hours? Does the service offer out of hours support? [For example: Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm, no out of hours covered]

1. Yes - the safeguarding team have had responsibility for learning disability and/or autism liaison. However, The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) have an active job advert live for a specific LDA Liaison Nurse.

I. The service has been in place since prior to 2018, can not confirm when the service first became active.

II. Mon-Fri 9am to 5pm, no out of hours are covered. This will be the same when the LDA Liaison Nurse is recruited.

2.  Do you have any Nursing and Midwifery Council registered nurses in learning disabilities working in the acute learning disability liaison service? Yes/No

I.  If yes, what is the headcount number and their agenda for change banding? [for example: 2 X registered nurses in learning disabilities, both band 5]

II.  What are the full time equivalent (FTE) hours or whole time equivalent (WTE) hours that this post or posts amount to? [for example: 1.0 FTE post which equates to 37.5 hours]

2. The WCFT is currently recruiting for this role.

I. Will be 1 x registered nurse in learning disabilities, will be band 6.

II. 1.0 FTE post which equates to 37.5 hours

3.  Do you have any other staff members work in the acute learning disability liaison service? Yes/No

I. If yes, what is the headcount and their agenda for change banding? [for example: 1 x band 4 staff member]

II. Please specify the specific roles employed (i.e.: describe whether they are registered adult nurses, registered



children's nurses or registered mental health nurses (not registered learning disability nurses) or any other kind of role? (For example: 2 X staff members, of which 1 is a healthcare assistant and 1 is a registered adult nurse) [for example: 1 X healthcare assistant]

III. What are the full time equivalent hours (FTE) or whole time equivalent (WTE) hours this post or posts amount to? [for example: 1.0 FTE post which equates to 37.5 hours]

### 3. Yes

I. Safeguarding team will continue to support/cover: 1 x B8a Safeguarding Matron reg. adult nurse, 1 x B7 Safeguarding and MCA specialist nurse reg. adult nurse, 1 x B3 administrator.

II. As above

III. Specifically for LDA liaison: will be 37.5 hrs. The safeguarding team will provide cover and admin: total 105 hrs per week

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Yours sincerely

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