

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 17-519

Date 10 October 2017

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Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

VACANCIES

- 1) Please confirm how many whole time equivalent physiotherapist and physiotherapy support worker vacancies were held in University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust as at 31 March 2017.**

As of 31st March, there were 9 Physiotherapist Vacancies which in total was the equivalent to 8.5 WTE's - 8 of those 9 where 1 FTW each.

3 Therapy Technician Vacancies which in total was the equivalent to 2.6 WTE's. 2 of those 3 were 1 FTE each.

- 2) Please confirm how many of the posts in Request 1a had been vacant for 3 months or more as at 31 March 2017.**

All had been approved within the last 3 months.

POSTS

- 3) Please confirm how many whole time equivalent (WTE) physiotherapists and physiotherapy support workers were employed by University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust on the 31 March 2017. (This should include any generic assistant or technical instructor posts that support physiotherapy service provision).**

As at 31st March 2017, we had 106.5 Budgeted FTE in physio roles.

PATIENT DEMAND

- 4) Please confirm the number of new referrals (including patient self-referral) to physiotherapy services in University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust, in the following financial years:

1 April 2014 to end of 31 March 2015	25018
1 April 2015 to end of 31 March 2016	24451
1 April 2016 to end of 31 March 2017.	24881
Grand Total	74350

SPENDING

- 5) Please confirm how much was spent on physiotherapy agency/locum/temp staff in University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust, in the following financial years:

1 April 2014 to end of 31 March 2015	£7000
1 April 2015 to end of 31 March 2016	£4000
1 April 2016 to end of 31 March 2017.	£13,000

PRACTICE BASED LEARNING

- 6) Please identify the clinical areas within your physiotherapy services that provide placements for physiotherapy undergraduates in the last financial year (1 April 2016 to end of 31 March 2017).

Placement Area	Placement Address
CARDIAC	Bristol Heart Institute Bristol Royal Infirmary Upper Maudlin Street Bristol
CRITICAL CARE AND SURGERY	Bristol Royal Infirmary Marlborough Street Bristol
CYSTIC FIBROSIS	Physiotherapy Dept Level 1 Queens Building Bristol Royal Infirmary Upper Maudlin Street Bristol
GYM	Bristol Royal Infirmary Marlborough Street Bristol
HAND UNIT	Bristol Royal Infirmary Marlborough Street Bristol
HYDRO	Bristol Royal Infirmary Marlborough Street Bristol
ITU SURGICAL	Bristol Royal Infirmary Marlborough Street Bristol
MEDICAL	Bristol Royal Infirmary Marlborough Street Bristol

MEDICAL REHABILITATION	Bristol Royal Infirmary Marlborough Street Bristol
MEDICAL RESPIRATORY	Bristol Royal Infirmary Marlborough Street Bristol
NIV SLEEP UNIT	Level 4 Old Building Bristol Royal Infirmary Marlborough Street Bristol
OLDER PEOPLES REHABILITATION	Bristol Royal Infirmary Marlborough Street Bristol
ONCOLOGY	Bristol Royal Infirmary Marlborough Street Bristol
RESPIRATORY	Bristol Royal Infirmary Upper Maudlin Street Bristol
RHEUMATOLOGY	Bristol Royal Infirmary Marlborough Street Bristol
STROKE REHABILITATION	Bristol Royal Infirmary Marlborough Street Bristol
TRAUMA AND ORTHOPAEDICS	Bristol Royal Infirmary Upper Maudlin Street Bristol
TREATMENT ROOM	Bristol Royal Infirmary Marlborough Street Bristol
WOMENS HEALTH	Bristol Royal Infirmary Marlborough Street Bristol
PAEDIATRICS	Bristol Royal Hospital for Children Paul O'Gorman Building Upper Maudlin Street Bristol
NEURO OUTPATIENTS	South Bristol Community Hospital Hengrove Promenade Whitchurch Lane Hengrove Bristol
REHABILITATION	South Bristol Community Hospital Hengrove Promenade Whitchurch Lane Hengrove Bristol
STROKE DISCHARGE TEAM	South Bristol Community Hospital Hengrove Promenade Whitchurch Lane Hengrove Bristol
STROKE REHABILITATION	South Bristol Community Hospital Hengrove Promenade Whitchurch Lane Hengrove Bristol
ST MICHAELS HOSPITAL	St Michaels Hospital Southwell Street Bristol

MUSKULOSKELETAL (MSK) PATHWAY

- 7) Please confirm/deny whether University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust provides MSK services that include first contact physiotherapists in General Practice**

We do not provide first contact physiotherapists in General Practice

8) Please confirm/deny whether patients can self-refer to physiotherapy services within the MSK services provided by University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust

For 3 of the larger referring Health centres, patients can 'self-refer' to physio via a telephone triage and appointment process - but patients will need to contact the health centre for the physio contact number. All other referrals referred by other health professionals in primary and secondary care

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

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