

FOI 032/2022

I am writing to request some information about Learning Disability nurses.

Clarification: We would like the information to do with Learning Disability Nurses as from the NHS definition - <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles/nursing/roles-nursing/learning-disability-nurse>.

These are nurses who specialise in working with individuals with an LD.

1. How many Learning Disability nurses have been employed by your trust over the last five years (please supply this information annually, from 2017 to 2022)?

Please see below for the listed number of Learning Disability (LD) Nurses within the Trust and note the following:

- The data is representative to 24th May 2022.
- The data pertains to staff members that are registered Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) Learning Disabilities and may not explicitly work with LD patients.
- The Trust explicitly provides mental health services and do not deliver a service specifically for patients with a primary diagnosis of learning disability. Rather we provide services for patients whose primary needs are mental health related, but may have accompanying diagnosis's such as learning difficulties.

Area	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Acute & Urgent Care Service	2	2	2	6	5	5
Corporate	0	0	0	0	1	3
ICCR	2	2	1	1	1	3
PCDS Locality	1	0	2	1	0	0
Secure Services and Offender Health	3	3	8	13	15	12
Bank only	3	0	4	2	4	3
	11	7	17	23	26	26

2. Regarding the Learning Disability nurse, or nurses, currently employed by your trust, in which hospital(s) and/or other settings are they based? If the nurse(s) work across multiple settings, please include all of them.

Please refer to the response in question 2

3. Could you share the hours worked by the Learning Disability nurse, or nurses, currently employed? For example, do they cover 9am-5pm or is there 24 hour provision?

We do not hold the requested information however, we can confirm that LD nurses work shifts across 24 hrs / 7 days as part of staff teams in Secure Care, Acute / Urgent care (mainly Home Treatment Teams) and therefore will work shifts.

Those in corporate areas will most likely work in 9-5.

4. Could you share the band of the Learning Disability nurse, or nurses, currently employed by your trust?

Band	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Band 5	6	6	10	12	12	7
Band 6	3	3	5	10	14	14
Band 7	1	1	1	1		3
Band 8a	1	1				2
Grand Total	11	11	16	23	26	26

5. Do you employ any other healthcare professionals with a learning disability speciality?

The Trust is unable to provide a response as we do not hold this information centrally.

Obtaining the requested will require a manual search which exceeds the threshold of carrying out this task.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.