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With reference to your FOI request that was received in connection with 'Urology/continence nurses' please see response below.

How many specialist urology/continence nurses were there within your Trust in each of the last five financial years?

There are 4 continence specialist nurses and 1 physiotherapist attached to the continence service. There has been 1.88 WTE urology clinical nurse specialists which increased this year to 2.28WTE.

How many hours of staff training were allocated in the last financial year, under the remit of continence care, to catheterisation? (E.g. If 50 staff received one hour each the answer would be 50 hours.) Of this (a) How many were for indwelling Foley catheters and (b) how many were for intermittent catheters?

From 1/4/14 - 31/3/15 there were 24 classroom sessions held for male catheterisation. The sessions were 4 hours long and included within the session would be information on Foley catheters and intermittent catheters. 156 staff attended the sessions. There was also a session provided to 7 clinical support workers by the practice development nurse from the nursing directorate. This session was for 3 hours. Any outside courses that were taken would be held in staff members personnel file and on an electronic system.

How many full time equivalent staff spend their time delivering this training? (E.g. if three staff spend half their working time on urology training the answer would be 1.5 FTEs.) What is the job title/function of these individuals?

The Trust has a dedicated Clinical Skills Team who delivers in house training to Trust staff but the Trust does not hold information on how much time an individual person within the Team spends delivering specific courses.

Do you have a named continence lead within your Trust? (a) If so, please provide their name and contact details. (b) If not, who is responsible for this remit?

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Are catheter passports* used at all within your Trust?

Yes, we have a urinary catheter care bundle.

Are catheter passports used for all patients within your Trust who are issued with a catheter, both in hospital and in the community?

Yes

If a catheter passport is used within your Trust, does it contain a urine colour chart?

The catheter care bundle asks the colour of the urine but there is no colour chart.

Do you have a urine colour chart on every toilet door within each hospital?

No

How many district nurses are available on call within your Trust on a typical (a) weekday at 1am (b) weekday at 1pm (c) Sunday at 1am (d) Sunday at 1pm?

Weekday at 1 am = 1

Weekday at 1 pm = 114

Sunday at 1am = 1

Sunday at 1pm = 27

What visibility do your continence leads have of continence patients in the community?

Continence leads are in the bladder and bowel foundation website, local website staff and public sites and Age UK information and social services and through the pathway GP's are aware and use the referral system. Patients can refer themselves as long as they have a Dudley GP.